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Absurd Japanese Reports Concerning Situation In South China

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

Chungshan, December 15.

Absurd reports have emanated from Canton concerning the situation in South China in order to mislead the public and to win foreign confidence in the "puppet regimes" set in Canton and other towns.

One of the glaring reports is that most of the people who went to Hongkong just before the Japanese occupation of Canton are returning to the latter city. This report is refuted by couriers from the City of Rams, who say that only poor people have gone back to Canton and that the city is still in ruins and desolation.

Another Japanese report stated that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek has ordered Gen. Yu Hsiang-mow to destroy the Sunning Railway, near Kowloon, because "it leads to Kwangsi and may be seized by the Japanese" to attack that province. The Sunning Railway is damaged by air raids, although it is not a convenient route to Kwangsi.

Meanwhile, the number of Chinese guerrillas around the outskirts of Canton is increasing, and rifle fire was heard at night near Salchue and Tungshan, according to independent reports from Canton.

Chinese irregulars have severed the highway communication between Sheklung, on the Canton-Kowloon Railway, and Tsengshing, north of the East River. Chinese regulars are attacking Tsengshing in three routes, while guerrillas are more active in this area in conjunction with the attacks by the regular forces.

BRITAIN AND NINE-POWER TREATY

Attitude Defined In Commons

London, Dec. 15.
Answering several questions relative to revision of the Nine-Power Treaty, Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in Commons yesterday reiterated that he was unable to recognize any alteration in the position, as defined in the treaties, brought about by unilateral action.

Mr. W. Gallacher asked if the Government were aware that the treaty was being revised without notice just as the war was started in China without notice?

Mr. Butler: "I am fully aware of the difficulty of the position in the Far East. It is under our constant review. Perhaps Mr. Gallacher can take assurance from the answer I have given."

FIRM POLICY URGED
"It is of course one thing for Japan to denounce the Nine-Power Treaty and quite another thing for her to get away with it," says the "Manchester Guardian" in a leader this morning.

"The United States Government is known to be particularly determined that she shall not do so, and it is obvious that both Britain and the United States are in a position to take retaliatory measures."

"The only policy that can have success is a show of firmness in China (and in Europe), and to co-operate closely with the United States Government."

"As long as Britain and the United States maintain a common front in the Far East, Japan can do little, and in this way we may yet save our interests in China and, what is more important, China herself."—Reuter.

ANTI-JAPANESE CAMPAIGN IN BRITAIN

London, Dec. 15.
Liberal and Socialist organisations of Britain have intensified the anti-Japanese propaganda since the beginning of the Christmas shopping and are almost daily appealing to customers not to buy Japanese goods. The "British National Committee of the International Peace Campaign" will proclaim a boycott of Japanese goods within the next few days. Well-known society women will carry posters with anti-Japanese slogans through the streets of London and the West End.—Transocean.

(See Also Page 6)

Deadlock Reached In Japan-Soviet Fishing Rights Negotiations

Moscow, December 15.

A deadlock has been reached in the negotiations regarding Japanese fishing rights in Soviet territorial waters according to a semi-official report issued here.

It is stated that negotiations were continued between the Foreign Commissar, M. Litvinoff and Mr. Togo, Japanese Ambassador. The latter asked whether in the event of the Japanese Government considering favourably the question of overdue payments for the Chinese Eastern Railway the Soviet Government would agree to sign, without changes, the draft of the fisheries convention which they had refused to approve for 1936-37. M. Litvinoff replied in the negative.

FISHERY PROPOSALS REJECTED

Moscow, Dec. 15.

The Japanese Ambassador in Moscow, Mr. Shigenori Togo, has informed M. Litvinoff, Soviet Foreign Commissar, that the Japanese Government has rejected the proposals made on December 8 by the Soviet for settlement of the fisheries dispute.

The Soviet conditions, namely (1) diminution of the fishery waters by more than 10 per cent., and (2) determination of the shares in the areas without reference to former special arrangements, are, in the opinion of the Tokyo Government, not reconcilable with the fishery rights hitherto conceded to the Japanese.—Transocean.

BLUECHER NOT ARRESTED

London, Dec. 15.

The Moscow correspondent of the "Manchester Guardian" is reliably informed that Marshal Bluecher has not been arrested but merely recalled from the Far East and now occupies a post at the Soviet War Commissariat.—Reuter.

RUSSIAN HELD AS SPY

Arrest Made In Los Angeles

New York, Dec. 15.

Mikhail Gorin, manager of the Los Angeles office of the Intourist Agency, has been under arrest since Monday on charges of espionage.

M. Ivanushkin, the Soviet vice-consul in New York, is flying to Los Angeles to investigate the case. Gorin is a former Russian consular official. He was arrested with Hans Salich, a naturalised American, who is stated at one time to have been an agent of the United States intelligence service.

Ball has been fixed at \$25,000 each.—Reuter.

GERMAN GUILTY

Cristobal, Panama, Dec. 15.

Hans Heinrich Schackow, one of the four Germans, including a girl, arrested near Fort Randolph near the entrance to the Panama Canal in October, were yesterday found guilty of espionage, following a charge of photographing the fortifications.

Sentence was not pronounced pending a new trial, when the other three defendants will be tried, in January.—Reuter.

IN AID OF WAR REFUGEES



PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN at the H. K. F. C. yesterday afternoon prior to the charity match played between Chinese stage and screen stars. Standing (in dark suit) is the Hon. Dr. Li Shu-fan with Sit Kok-sin, leading stage actor, sixth from the right. Ng Chor-fan, foremost screen actor, is seen eighth from the right in the front row with Kwong San-sin on his left. (Photo: A. A. Kahn).

JAPAN GIVES TURN TO SCREW IN FAR EAST

BRITISH, FRENCH GOVERNMENTS HAVE THEMSELVES LARGELY TO BLAME FOR SITUATION

London, December 15.

"Suppose a nine-Power conference is called at the request of the United States Government and it was found that Britain, France and Holland were all fearful for their Far Eastern possessions and were ready to give up their rights in China, what then?" asks the "Manchester Guardian." "Certainly a plan worth trying, indeed it is already being tried by the Japanese who have closed the Yangtze despite British protests and they have cut off Hongkong from the mainland and are now in a position to starve it out. More serious still is the threat to co-operate in joint action with Germany and Italy."

"The Anti-Comintern Pact is already reinforced by cultural pacts. What if it were to be strengthened by a military alliance? Now, while Italy bullies France and Germany menaces Britain, Japan gives a turn to the screw in the Far East."

"For this situation the British and French Governments have largely themselves to blame. From the beginning of the war they have shown their fear of Japan and have given in to her threats."

"When Japan discovered that the Russians for all their weaknesses were not prepared to yield to aggression it was but natural that she should turn with renewed vigour against those who apparently had not generally realised how far this bullying had gone."

After referring to Japanese threats to France regarding the passage of arms from Indo-China to Yunnan, the paper states that fortunately, the British Government has not yet proved quite so amenable but great pressure was now being exercised. It is, of course, essential that it should be resisted.—Reuter.

HSU SHIH-CHANG SERIOUSLY ILL

Tientsin, Dec. 15.

Mr. Hsu Shih-chang, former "President" of the Republic of China, is seriously ill here in his home. In view of his advanced age, anxiety is felt by his relatives and friends.

Since his retirement from the "presidency" Mr. Hsu has shunned political activities and overtures from the Japanese.—International.

Jockey Club Sued By Mr. T. H. Brayfield For Alleged Libel

Bill For \$9.10 Forms The Subject Of Dispute

A SPECIAL AND TWO KING'S COUNSEL, both representing the defendants, featured the Brayfield Libel Case which opened before the Acting Chief Justice, Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell, at the Supreme Court yesterday, when Mr. T. H. G. Brayfield, of the well-known firm of Messrs. Carmichael and Clarke, marine surveyors, brought a claim for unstipulated damages for alleged libel against the Hongkong Jockey Club.

At the end of the day's hearing the plaintiff had completed his case and, after a short retirement for which the jury had asked, the hearing was adjourned till 10 a.m. to-day. At the outset the court was crowded with prominent European spectators, including many ladies, and there was a fair attendance throughout the day.

The special jury empanelled comprised Messrs. J. Fleming (foreman), Lo Yuk-tong, I. H. Geare, V. D. Sorby, T. B. Wilson, L. Dunbar, C. Champkin and R. M. McLay.

The name of Mr. S. T. Butlin was called before that of Mr. Dunbar, but on Mr. Potter pointing out that he was an official of the Jockey Club, he was allowed to stand down. Mr. V. D. Sorby was also called but he failed to appear. He was later fined \$25 by the Acting Chief Justice.

Mr. Brayfield was represented by Mr. E. C. Macnamara, instructed by Mr. G. S. Hugh-Jones, of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, while Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., and Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., instructed by Messrs. Johnson Stokes and Master, were for defendants.

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Central British School Headmaster On Vital Education Problems

Press Publicity In Field Of Sport Undesirable

COLONY EXAMINATION-RIDDEN

AT THE ANNUAL PRIZE-GIVING of the Central British School, in the School Hall yesterday, Mr. W. Lucas Handyside, J.P., M.A., B.Sc., F.R.G.S., the Headmaster, in the course of reading his report for the past school year, touched upon several vital problems that the Colony is faced with in the field of education.

Mr. Handyside denounced the educational system that requires children of all ages to spend long hours writing answers to questions that frequently hold little meaning to them. He hoped to see the day when assistant and head teachers would be trusted to report on the general progress of their pupils without the need for such agonies as are at present endured by all concerned.

Mr. Handyside spoke also at length on problems of discipline and on the desirability of periodical medical inspection of every pupil.

Sir Henry Pollock distributed the prizes and spoke twice, remarking that his second speech would be of more interest to the pupils of the School as it promised them a day's holiday. Sir Henry supported the Headmaster's motion that it would be desirable if school games did not receive as much press publicity as they are at present wont to.

The Headmaster said, in part:—In presenting my Report for the school year ending August 1938, I find myself in a unique position. Unlike any previous Headmaster and probably any future one, I am here in the triple capacity of Parent, Teacher and Inspector.

Performing the various duties connected with three different but responsible offices has tended to make me more circumspect; it has nevertheless given me the opportunity of viewing the activities of the school from the three chief vantage points—those of parent, of Staff and of Government.

I must state at the outset that there are at least three schools being carried on at one time in this building: a Co-educational Junior School, a Co-educational Junior School Forms Remove and I, a Co-educational Secondary School and a Co-educational Central School.

CONFERENCE AT LIMA

Argentine Takes Command

New York, Dec. 15.

The Argentine has taken command of all matters dealt with at the Pan-American Conference relating to defence and strategy regarding the American continent, according to the Lima correspondent of the "New York Times" who adds that the Argentine delegation has taken over the drafting of whatever "united American front" declaration may be presented at the Conference. General Campanini, Italian Minister at Lima, who according to the correspondent, is understood to be the organiser of Fascist units throughout Central America has arrived at Lima to act as observer at the Conference.—Reuter.

THE DOLLAR

T.T. ON LONDON: 1s. 2.7/8d.
T.T. ON NEW YORK: 28 7/8.

London Silver Market
(Our Own Correspondent).

London, Dec. 15.
London silver prices to-day were down 1/16 for Spot and 1/8 for Forward as follows:—

	Dec. 14	Dec. 15
Spot	20-1/8	20-1/16
Forward	19-9/16	19-7/16

In the World of Sports

HOCKEY NOTES

NEWCOMER SCORES ONLY GOAL FOR RECREIO

Willy Reed's Wonderful Display At Pivot

(By "The Quiz")

R.A.F. WERE UNLUCKY IN SUFFERING another defeat at the hands of Club de Recreio on Sunday last in a fast encounter at King's Park. An early goal scored by Johnny Fonseca, a newcomer from Shanghai, gave Recreio the lead. A fast pace was maintained throughout the game. Both the teams were well-balanced but the R.A.F. had the advantage of speed.

Willy Reed, Colony and Recreio pivot, gave a wonderful exhibition of uncanny stick-work, coolness and fine anticipation in checking the ever recurrent onslaughts of the speedy R.A.F. forward line. Reed was well supported by R. Marques and A. M. Alves, the two budding halves of Recreio.

R.A.F. strengthened their team with the inclusion of Lt. Cdr. Kennedy in the left-half berth, who gave a grand display with his hard hitting and accurate stopping.

Umpires Please Note

I learn from Mr. K. Hussain, Secretary, Umpires, Board, that the umpires appointed for the various Association games, and who did not turn up, did not inform him beforehand to enable him to arrange for substitutes. Therefore, it will be in the interest of the game if the gentlemen appointed shall make it a point in the future to inform Mr. Hussain in the event of their inability to attend.

Despite the rough nature of the ground R.A.F. settled down in the second half and pinned Recreio in their own half. They were unlucky to come up against a determined Recreio intermediate line.

ADVERTISEMENT

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE THIRTEENTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 17th December, 1938, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The first Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies (Both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of All Chits, &c.

The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, Exchange Building (Tel. 27794) will close at 12 NOON. Tiffins are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Telephone 21920).

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 12th Dec., 1938.

JAMES DEAR WINS SQUASH TITLE

London, Dec. 14.

James Dear won the British open squash title to-day, beating A. E. Biddle by 6-9, 9-1, 9-2 and 9-6.

Dear won the first match last week by three games to two.

The Egyptian master, Amr Bey, who was holder of the title for five years, did not compete.—Reuter.

CHAMPION EVENTS IN TO-MORROW'S CARD

Final Race Meeting Of Year

MR. MOLLER TO RIDE SILKYLIGHT

(BY "LAST QUARTER")

THE CURRENT RACING SEASON will be brought to a close with the 13th Extra Meeting at Happy Valley to-morrow afternoon. The Hongkong Autumn Champions, the Queensland Autumn Champions and the Sub-Griffins Autumn Champions, are the main events in an eight-race programme. The rest of the afternoon's sport will consist of races confined to ponies who have not been too successful in the acquisition of stakes-money during the year, and an opportunity will be afforded owners to have a share in the stakes.

A review of the year's racing would undoubtedly bring out many outstanding features, of which the most noticeable appears to be the fast times recorded by the various candidates in the China pony class. The ponies raced under this classification were a decided improvement over previous years and Silky, Desert Chief and Confusion Bay proved worthy successors to the old Dunbar favourites, Liberty Bay and Diana Bay, and on more than one occasion put up some extremely interesting races in excellent time.

The racing itself has been successful from all points and the Stewards and Officials of the Club deserve the unsolicited thanks and appreciation of owners, jockeys and enthusiasts alike for the efficient and capable management that contributed so greatly to the success of the various meetings.

HONGKONG AUTUMN CHAMPIONS

Contrary to expectations, this event may probably bring out five or six starters, a somewhat larger

CUP REPLAY DRAW

London, Dec. 14.

In the second round re-play in the F.A. Cup, Mansfield, at home, battled to a 3-3 draw with Halifax to-day after extra time had been played.—Reuter.

particularly taken with his gallop on Wednesday morning, especially the fast last quarter. If this classy bay can get the rails coming round the bend into the straight, he will stand an excellent chance of being led first into the unsaddling enclosure.

A LONG REST

Bear Claw has had a long rest, which should prove beneficial and this entrant should do quite well. A strong and well formed pony he seems to run best when hard pressed as evidenced in the Easter Stakes over a mile in 1.53-2/5, with Silky a rather poor third three lengths away. Good as Expression Time and Cameronian are, I do not think they will be able to do better than probably run. Bear Claw close for third place. Incidentally, it will be the last public appearance of Expression Time as I have been informed this grey is over-height and will therefore be ineligible for racing after re-measurement at the beginning of the year.

LAGGARDS' HANDICAP

This is more in the nature of a consolation race for Australian ponies and owing to the conditions, the entries have not been very encouraging. Able Amazon, though at top weight, is the best qualified and should annex the honours and Ranger is certain to furnish some

Sporting Fixtures

TO-DAY

BADMINTON.—Mixed Doubles, St. John's v. Talkoo; University v. Kowloon Tong.

BRIDGE.—Y.M.C.A. Women's Section Bridge Class, 10 a.m.

HOCKEY.—Triangular Tournament, Navy v. Army (Sookunpoo), 3.45 p.m.

MEETINGS.—Annual, of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club, in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., 5.30 p.m.

CRICKET

The following will represent the Volunteers against Craighower on Sunday at Happy Valley at 11 a.m. sharp:

A. C. Beck (Capt.), K. M. Baxter, F. A. Dunnett, E. C. Fletcher, R. H. Griffiths, R. M. M. King, W. L. McKenzil, D. C. Parsons, A. E. Perry, P. M. M. da Silva, A. M. L. Soares.

opposition, particularly if he gets off well and does not try any queer antics at the barrier. Dick Turpin appeals as an outsider because of the 135 lbs. allotted, and Derby Day at 144 lbs. is equally dangerous. The latter, however, is not quite at home over the mile course. A Grand Time is still not ready and appears somewhat backward in condition.

TARDY HANDICAP

Of the seven entries for this race, three are from the Eu Tong (Continued on Page 9)

"TELESCORE" SPECIAL

13. HOMES

DERBY
EVERTON
MANCHESTER C.
WEST HAM
CRYSTAL PALACE
SWINDON
GATESHEAD
ROTHERHAM
SOUTHPORT
CELTIC
HEARTS
QUEEN'S OUTH
RANGERS

3. DRAWS

ASTON VILLA
CARLISLE
DARLINGTON

3. AWAYS

NEWCASTLE
BARNSTLEY
OLDHAM

THIS WEEK'S WINNERS IN HOME FOOTBALL

"Telescore" Selects Them For "Daily Press" Readers

The following are the Home football fixtures for the week-end with the probable winners given in capital type.

Each Friday "Telescore" picks the winners for Hongkong followers of this great winter game, the forecast for to-morrow being as follows:—

DIVISION I

ARSENAL	v.	Stoke C.
Aston Villa	v.	Leeds U.
Blackpool	v.	BIRMINGHAM
BRENTFORD	v.	Manchester U.
DERBY Co.	v.	Middlesbro'
EVERTON	v.	Charlton A.
GRIMSBY T.	v.	Leicester
Hud's'ld T.	v.	Preston N. E.
PORTSMOUTH	v.	Chelsea
SUNDERLAND	v.	Liverpool
WOLVES	v.	Bolton W.

DIVISION II

BLACKBURN R.	v.	Plymouth A.
Bradford	v.	W. BROM A.
Bury	v.	TOTTENHAM H.
CHESTERFIELD	v.	Notts F.
FULHAM	v.	Sheffield U.
Manchester C.	v.	Norwich C.
MILLWALL	v.	Luton T.
SHEFFIELD W.	v.	Burnley
Swansea T.	v.	NEWCASTLE U.
Tranmere R.	v.	COVENTRY C.
W. HAM U.	v.	Southampton

DIVISION III (NORTHERN SECTION)

Carlisle U.	v.	Bradford C.
CREWE A.	v.	Hull C.
Darlington	v.	Chester
DONCASTER R.	v.	Stockp't Co.
GATESHEAD	v.	New Brighton
Hartlepool U.	v.	Barrow
Rochdale	v.	BARNSELY
ROTHERHAM U.	v.	Accrington S.
SOUTHPORT	v.	Lincoln C.
WREKHAM	v.	Halifax T.
York C.	v.	OLDHAM A.

DIVISION III (SOUTHERN SECTION)

ALDERSHOT	v.	Bournemouth.
BRISTOL C.	v.	Walsall
CLAPTON O.	v.	Ipswich T.
CRYSTAL PALACE	v.	Mansfield T.
NEWPORT Co.	v.	Reading
NORTHAMPTON T.	v.	Bristol R.
NOTTS CO.	v.	Brighton
PORT VALE	v.	Southend U.
SWINDON T.	v.	Exeter C.
TORQUAY U.	v.	Cardiff C.
Watford	v.	Queen P. R.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE DIVISION I

Arbroath	v.	ST. JOHNSTONE
CELTIC	v.	St. Mirren
Falkirk	v.	Partick Thistle
HEARTS	v.	Hamilton A.
KILMARNOCK	v.	Clyde
MOTHERWELL	v.	Hibernian
QUEEN OF SOUTH	v.	Queen's Park
RAITH R.	v.	Albion R.
RANGERS	v.	Aberdeen
THIRD LANARK	v.	Ayr U.

(League Tables On Back Page)



Lyemunstruck

Lyemunstruck is a local disease experienced by yachtsmen when they have been sailing all day, the wind has dropped, the hour is midnight, the tide is against them, and they have run out of .B. BEE.



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CONFIDE IN FAITH
PRIOR

MOTHER OF A FOURTEEN-YEAR-OLD-BOY writes her son wishes to attend a dancing party and escort a young girl, as other young boys do. She believes he is too young and asks if it is right to refuse the permission?

IF YOU KNOW the group he will be with and are satisfied they are nice people, I would certainly not deny the boy this treat. He is evidently the sort you can trust and that kind should be encouraged to accept responsibility. Some youngsters are wise for their years, you know. Social contacts are part of our education, too.

ELDERLY wishes to know if it is old fashioned to have family portraits on the walls. Her living room is being refurnished and her daughter contends the pictures are out of place.

IF THEY ARE PICTURES that have meant something in your life, stand firm and keep them up. Many pictures in homes to-day have no artistic value but have sentimental memories. Tell your daughter that it is sentimental memories that help to make a home, including family portraits, good or bad and some day when she is older this fact will be quite clear to her.

Furthermore there is a renaissance for "old-fashioned" ideas now, clothes, culture, music, plays and stories.

BEST MAN is in a quandary. Never before has he been called upon to perform said services, however in the near future he will have to do so, and asks what his duties are in this capacity? YOUR JOB IS TO STAND BY, come what may. You may be called upon to buy the ring, then you take care of it and hand it to the bridegroom. You look over his dressing, make sure he has all the accessories. You escort him to the house or church whichever is the destination for the ceremony and withdraw only when the bride arrives to take her place beside him. He will be flustered, you must not.

You must help him make any preliminary arrangements. If the couple are going away after the wedding, oversee his packing, or he'll surely forget something vital. If any confusions arise, it is your job to smooth them out.

Afterwards you hand the fee, which the bridegroom supplies, to the preacher. In other words you do the thinking, the groom is incapable as you will be some day, no doubt!

EDUCATION: A Mother writes of her son who has finished his schooling in the grades and she desires him to continue with a University education. He is sensitive and retiring and does not wish to enter a large school. The Mother is a University graduate and questions if it would not be better for her to assist the boy at home in higher learning.

UNLESS YOUR SON is preparing for some specialized career your plan appears sensible. Private tutorage can be most advantageous and you can explore

later progress in so many subjects together.

However, do not fail to see that your boy has plenty of friends of his own age, and avoid at all costs becoming one of those "possessive" mothers. That could prove more hurt to your sensitive boy later on than any embarrassments at a University could cause him now.

IGNORANT has a problem about styles. She has been married for three years and between lack of time and money, has not been in the social world, therefore, she asks about costumes for various social affairs which she wishes to attend.

The question of what to wear at a home wedding this month, a dance for Christmas and an afternoon tea. This is very simple, and remember that clothes do not always make the woman!

For the wedding in the late afternoon a dark blue chiffon is quite proper, and if you are assisting in the receiving, wear some sort of a hat.

Regarding the dance, a light blue velvet gown is quite smart and right in style. Now, for the tea a simple black crepe dress with white lingerie trim and black accessories would be very chic. Try putting your hair on top of your head, a smile on your face and your most charming manner, then everyone will have a perfectly lovely time.

DEAR FAITH PRIOR: Two months ago my mother-in-law came to visit in our family. It was understood she would spend three weeks with us, and now she speaks of remaining until the end of January. What can I do, several situations exist in my home due to her presence that are disagreeable and unsatisfactory. Can I ask her to leave, I fear she has no intention of going even next month? UNDERCIDER

DEAR UNDECIDER: This is a difficult situation and many mothers, sorry to say, take advantage of such.

No, of course, you cannot ask her to leave your home. A good idea would be to give her a traveling case for Christmas, enclosing a card stating you know it will be of use to her during the coming trip in January.

If this hint does not work, state casually that you are having your home refurnished or decorated after the holidays and, if the worse comes to the worse, invite a young friend to visit you at the end of January. Have it appear as a long standing arrangement.

If you use your intelligence there are many ways to suggest indirectly to your relation that her visit is ended. It will not cause offence and many instances they will be unaware of the fact.

Commence your campaign immediately, it is not a good idea to have family or friends visiting for a long time in one's household.

Round The Shops

You might as well get in step with the throng and be one of those last-minute, hectic Christmas shoppers. A week from this Sunday and all the agony will be over with for another year.

8.30 To Six

Lane Crawford's are at your service for the last-minute rush. Commencing next week, the shop will open at 8.30 a.m. and will not close until 6 p.m.

If you are in doubt regarding a gift for yourself or another, there are here lovely velvet evening wraps. The complete evening story can be told in the Ladies' Salon, which has complete evening ensembles, from gorgeous velvet coats, long and short, to gloves, bags and hose, on display.

The bolero and hip jackets of brocade and printed glazed satins would make lovely gifts and are very useful. They are worn with the dinner, late afternoon or evening frock. Very dashing and smart!

Sparkle—Glittering

Sparkling rhinestones on white chiffon is truly a beautiful combination. Frosty yet intriguing is such a gown when worn under soft or bright electric lights. A particular model was noticed in Mayo's new selections just out from America. Another very dramatic and usual gown was of chiffon, full-skirted, with panels of three colours and carried into the bodice. Untrimmed and plain, this dress is unique.

Not only are the gowns of superb style, but bargains with the thirty per cent. discount this shop is offering.

Comfort and Style

Go right into Rivelle's in the Gloucester Arcade and there you will find stylish evening wraps that will keep you warm.

Some long black velvets with unusual collar treatments have little hoods to keep your hair in place and the ears warm. The long evening coat is high style this winter, and these are excellent models.

A selection of new frocks has arrived from America for this shop—lovely rich colours and fabrics, a few with contrasting and matching boleros, which can perform double duty. Quite a saving during these holidays, when so many parties are on the calendar.

Lapin to Sables

If your bank account is slim, don't let that give you the idea that furs, which everyone is wearing this winter, are beyond your budget.

Mrs. Willy, in the Metropole Hotel Building, has lovely furs to suit any situation. Boleros of fox, scarfs of fox, three-quarter and full-length coats in seal, ermine, lamb and many other fur families are on show. The afternoon and evening costume is finished with a note of richness and chic by fur capes, scarfs, coats or boleros, depending upon the hour and refectiveness.

The evening frocks in this shop are selected for the particular customer, one who searches for a dress that is out of the ordinary. In the group of taffetas, moire, velvets, nets and chiffon, you will find just the style to suit you.

P.M. Into Evening

While you are choosing a sophisticated black crepe afternoon or cocktail dress at Excella's, in Nathan Road, do not forget to inspect the evening frocks of satins, crepes, taffetas, velvets and moires. Full skirts, hoop skirts, many ruffles, sparkling sequins and rhinestones, bows and colour combinations are one mass of grandeur and richness.

Very little duplication of styles in this shop—each gown is individual. Here too, are several styles which have contrasting or matching jackets, which help you over the dinner engagement and the formal dancing affairs during this holiday season.

(Each week in this column, FAITH PRIOR answers questions of a personal nature submitted by readers of the "Daily Press.")

Fashion PRE-VIEW

MORNING, AFTERNOON, EVENING AND NIGHT OF FASHIONS

You have read, you have seen, and you have heard about what is style in costumes for this winter. Now, with the Christmas and New Year holiday season right in our hands, so to speak, there is little time to hunt and shop for the costumes to suit the occasions.

Therefore, a highlight of outstanding fashions for the various hours of the day may be able to help those of you who have neglected, or not had the time, to find the necessary zip, dash or note of chic for an outfit.

MORNING

Start your day out right with a correct girdle or foundation garment. It is the basis of the various costumes worn in the twelve or fourteen-hour day.

Suits simply tailored in black, British tan, or three colours combined, are equally in style as the woollen street dress worn with a rakish felt hat, gloves, bag, an unusual piece of heavy jewellery and a fur in cape, scarf or muffler about the neck.

If you are lunching in this type of costume be extravagant and invest in a dollar's worth of fresh flowers, violets preferred, to pin on your fur at the shoulder.

AFTERNOON

Be sure and wear your fur scarf or cape and take your little muff along if you still wear the bright wool spectator sports dress.

Your wine tailored crepe model with a glamorous belt will be very

smart under your fur coat which must have square shoulders.

The hat should be sassy, with a bit of fluff in feathers, ribbon or veiling trim. Down over the eyes it belongs with your high curls for the back of the head picture.

Jewellery and exotic perfume are in keeping with the afternoon wardrobe.

EVENING

That means after 5.30 p.m. these days. Cocktails, teas or informal dinners need costumes of black and darker shades in crepes, velvets or metallic and brocades designed into the dressy little dress.

Black and sequin trim with short bolero or similar furs are smart. Naturally hats which are small with veils are most suitable and white gloves forming a background for sparkling and interesting jewels on the arms.

Handbags should be eye-taking and blend with the mood you must feel of "here I am, look at me!" And again suggest to the "nice gentleman" who invites you to bubbling cocktails, scented tea or a chatty dinner that the fresh flowers of the season blossom for such occasions!

NIGHT

Worn out from the day's turmoil and activities, you are smart to take 20 winks before sallying forth to nine o'clock dinners or ten o'clock dances.

Silver on white is a beautiful definition of the frosty winter nights and when worn in the ballroom lends beauty, dignity and radiance to a lady.

Rhinestone heels appear to make you more light of foot when dancing the intricate modern steps.

Dull finish chiffon weight crepes are cut along simple molded lines and the skirts are slightly longer in back than in front. Or the full-skirted gown is best suited to your figure and personality. And with either of these costumes remember the long evening wrap.

Ermine has returned to the front ranks of importance in precious furs and is one of the most significant turn of events in the fashion world. In the face of the introduction of fabric mantles and padded bolero jackets, regal ermine makes a curtsy to winter fashion without one concession to mar its debut.

Dress up the top-of-the-head coiffure with jewels. Drap your neck with them and your arms.

Gloves and unusual evening handbags.

Be yourself in the evening or dinner gown and do not believe that you must wear off-the-shoulder styles. You can be stunning and glamorous in high neck and long sleeves if the fabric is rich and bewitching in design and weave.

Sheer hose and graceful slippers. Then wrap yourself up in a fur cape or coat and if not do not hesitate on the long fitted velvet wrap with a hood for the head.

Last, but so very important, leave your visiting card as you go in "your personal perfume."

APPROPRIATE



Suitable to Hongkong climate and the present hectic shopping days is this style in wool crepe with appliqued flowers. The small black felt hat with exotic veil completes the costume. Fox furs on cooler days would be sufficient and supply an added dash. Worn by Ann Rutherford, Hollywood starlet.

IT'S FASHION BUT IT'S FUNNY

No doubt you have laughed many times this winter at styles which are very "high-fashion" in Paris, London America and Hongkong. But if you cannot laugh at these models when you wear them, you are completely behind the times!

Shoes, hats and dresses are funny, and hair especially is funny. No one looks the same as she did last year at the same time. Violets have blossomed forth into orchids, and rabbits into sables. Even your best friends look strange to you.

Everyone is taking a try at one of the new modes, at least some of the more daring are trying them out. Maybe we'll get used to the fashionable foibles in time, but right now most of the effects are uproarious.

"Feathers," said the fashion editors, "should be long," so long, they are, and streamlined. They shoot straight into the ether or are placed at a slant into everyone's but the wearer's eyes. "The trend is up," said the arbiters, so immediately every-

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thing went up into incredulity. Extra "platform" soles were put on shoes, hair was piled on top of craniums and even eyebrows were sent in a heavenly direction.

Not only do women wrap their torsos in the skins of animals, but they have taken to winding them Daniel Boone fashion around their waists as well. The fur chapeaux furthermore are enlivened with flora and fauna of all kinds, sheafs of wheat, a dash of parsley, and sprigs of radishes.

AND FOXES

And foxes are popular dead animals. The other day a dame with a pair of red ones came down the gangway of a steamer stopping in our port, when suddenly to our horror as she reached the pier one of the animals opened its mouth and yawned. You guessed it. It was a Pomeranian tucked under her arm, same colour as the fox.

But an even stranger collection steps out under the star-sprayed

sky when ladies appear at dancing spots, theatres, in outfits that seem to belong to their astral bodies. They float and fit and the too, too solid flesh underneath seems only incidental to the trappings.

Poor little birds have died and been dyed so that milady may spend a few uncomfortable moments at the theater, hoping the bubble pins will hold them in place and keeping stiff-necked so that the ornaments won't become dislodged.

Flowers sprout out of scalps, struggle to stay erect and give up after the first half hour. Jeweled clips twinkle for a while and then fall flat on their faces.

Rhinestone heels rebel and imperil their wearers, threatening mayhem.

We almost sound like those understanding males, but you are not in the fashion picture unless you suffer and laugh at these tortures of fashion for the winter!

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Feb. 27 of the same year. Mr. Mortimer, who lives at Ricards Lodge, Wimbledon Hill, S.W., has not visited Eton since before the Great War.

Today's Screenings

Hongkong

KING'S: "Judge Hardy's Children"
QUEEN'S: "Annabel Takes a Tour"
ORIENTAL: "Bluebeard's Eighth Wife"

Kowloon

ALHAMBRA: "Always in Trouble"
STAR: "Beloved Brat"
MAJESTIC: "The Prisoner of Zenda"

Coming

KING'S: "Everybody Sing"
QUEEN'S: "Boo-Lo"
ORIENTAL: "Vogues of 1938"
ALHAMBRA: "Boo-Lo"
STAR: "All Baba Goes To Town"
MAJESTIC: "Happy Landin"

IN TROUBLE ALWAYS

"Always in Trouble" is the title of Jane Withers' latest 20th Century Fox comedy which is being shown at the Alhambra Theatre to-day.
Always filled with good intentions, always trying to help folks out, always hoping to square things up and always in trouble, this time Jane is a poor little rich girl whose family has gone high rat on her. Remembering the good old days before riches made Dad a slave to a Board of Directors, Mother a social climber, Sister the prey of fortune-hunters and Uncle a retired playboy, Jane decides to do something about it to bring the family down to earth.
Supporting Jane Withers in the cast are Jean Rogers, Arthur

Legendary Lost Continent To Form Film Spectacle

For 23 centuries scientists, adventurers and innumerable authors have tried to solve the mystery of the ancient legend, first brought to light in the writings of Plato, that back in the dim ages a continent, known as Atlantis, on which lived people of a high civilization, was engulfed and sunk in the Atlantic.

Now, "The Lost Atlantis" is being produced as a huge spectacle of drama, horror and fantasy by Trem Carr and Fred Jackman for Columbia Pictures.

International in interest, the continent sunk by a cataclysm 12,000 years ago has created learned societies throughout the world devoted to its historical study, and more than 2000 books in many languages have been published on the subject.

Years of research and months of technical experiment have been carried on at Fred Jackman's new laboratory at Burbank, California.

The picturization of the lost continent will deal with the struggle and eventual triumph of man in penetrating the world's last frontier, the mysterious unknown land beneath the seas with its legendary pre-historic monsters.

Jackman is noted for his technical achievements in connection with numerous spectacular productions, notably "The Lost World," which created a sensation in its day.

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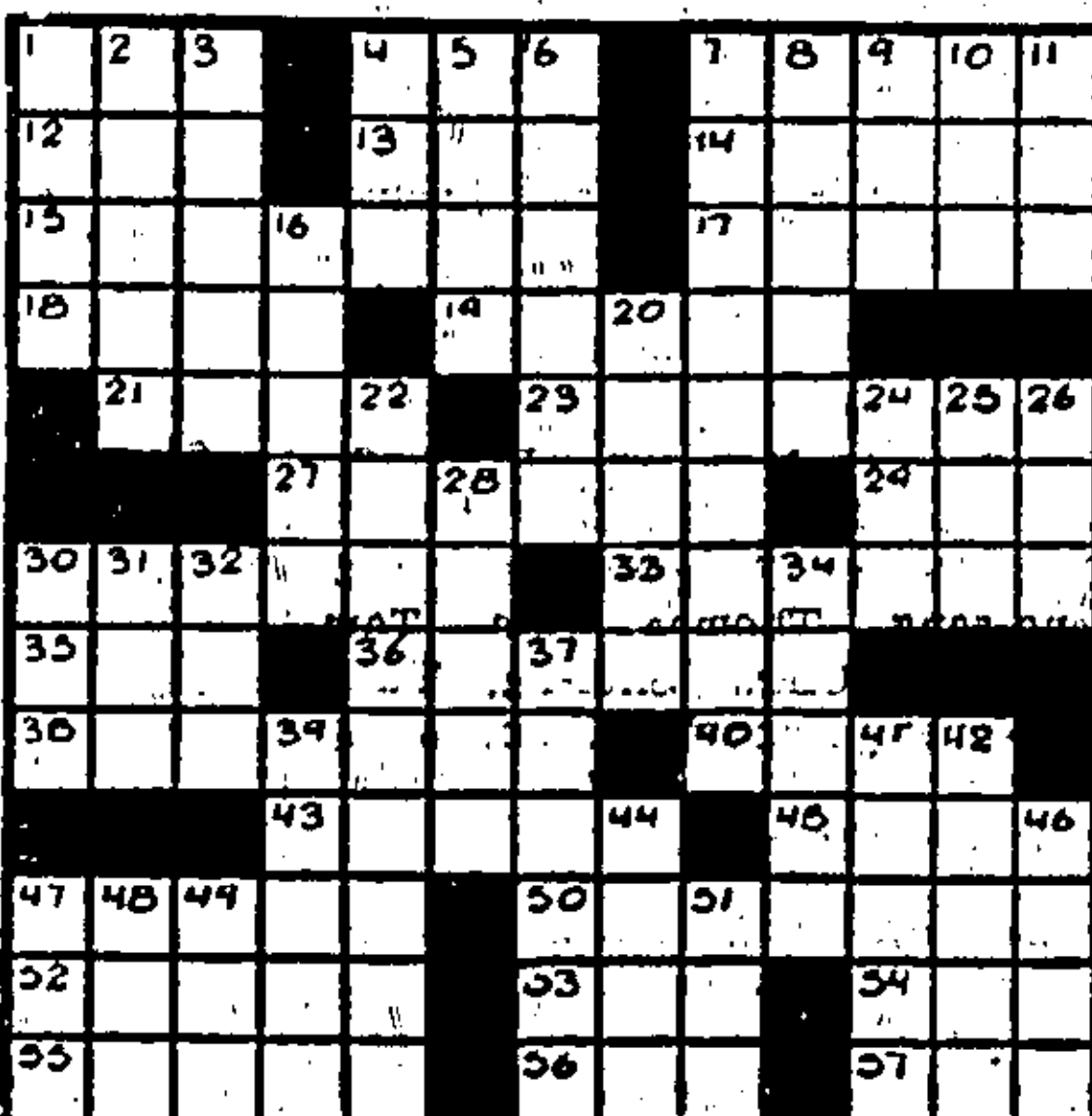
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ACROSS

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4. Small quantity
7. Form of address
12. Insect
13. Sleeveless garment
14. Ascend
15. Chief products
17. Mature
18. Thread-like outgrowth
19. External covering of a seed
21. Masculine name
23. Famous Dutch philosopher
27. Who wrote "The Fall of the House of Usher?"
30. New Lisbon is in what Portuguese dependency in Africa?
33. Who was the Roman personification of summer?
35. Fish eggs
36. Brown vesuvianite
38. What traveler led an unsuccessful expedition for the relief of Dr. Livingstone?
40. Island of the Outer Hebrides
43. Catalogue
45. Vegetables
47. Vegetables with dressing
50. Invert
52. Lengthwise
53. High priest of Israel
54. Unliss
55. Dwelling
56. Tame in Guido's scale



DOWN

1. Deep cut
2. Species of pier (pl.)
3. One of a series of steps
4. Yellow split pea
5. Ald
6. Vildest
7. What woman journalist of the 19th century wrote many moral tales? Harriet
8. Pertaining to the doctrines of Arius
9. Slope
10. Peer Gynt's mother
11. Human beings
18. What is the first name of the fighter who defeated Sharkey for the heavy-weight championship in 1933?
20. Weapon with a long shaft
22. Who wrote "The Ancient Mariner?"
24. Choose
25. Symbolic figure in Blake's poetry
26. Bronze in Roman antiquity
28. What is the most important seaport of South Nigeria?
30. Part of a curved line
31. Common; opposed to taboo
32. Precious stone
34. Bird related to the woodcock
37. Side dish
39. African antelope
41. Antitoxin
42. What Italian epic poet wrote Jerusalem Delivered?
44. Barter
46. Ooze
47. Measure of Arabia
48. White linen vestment
49. Game at cards
51. By way of

SOLUTION TO-MORROW

\$220 FOR "KEEP FIT" STUDENT

Broke Leg Doing "Hop And Bump"

Damages of \$220 and costs against the L.C.C. were awarded in the King's Bench Division to a man who slipped and broke his leg while doing an exercise known as "hop and bump" at an L.C.C. "Keep Fit" class.

The plaintiff, William Stephen Gillmour, 29, fur cutter, of Alfred-road, Paddington, alleged that the floor at Porchester Hall, W., where the accident took place, was highly polished and not reasonably safe for the exercise in which he was being instructed.

The L.C.C. denied liability and pleaded that Gillmour voluntarily undertook a risk. It was denied that the floor was dangerous.

Gillmour said the exercise consisted of hopping on one leg with the hands behind the back and making lunges at an opponent to compel him to put his other foot on the floor.

He had bumped his opponent and was hopping away when he slipped and broke his right leg. Lord Justice du Parcq, sitting as an additional judge, decided that the L.C.C. was liable on the ground that there was an implied warranty that the floor was reasonably safe for the purpose, for which Gillmour was invited to use it.

He found that the floor, constructed of hard wood, was highly polished and was more suitable for dancing than the "keep fit" exercise in question.

"I regret," he said, "to give a decision which may make it difficult for the L.C.C. to provide suitable places for physical training, but people are entitled to assume that they are being provided with premises where they can safely embark on physical exercises in which they are being instructed."

Stay of execution was granted.

MARS LIFE EXTINCT

A week after the panic in the United States caused by the supposed arrival from Mars of invaders with death-rays, Dr. H. Spencer Jones, the Astronomer Royal, told a Leeds audience recently that he thought life on Mars was extinct.

"We do see on Mars possibilities of some sort of life, but it is more probable that we are looking at a world that is the home of spent life," he said.

"Life probably flourished there millions of years ago, but has been dried up by the atmosphere, and has probably by now become almost impossible."

It was practically certain that no forms of life existed on other planets.

DIARY OF LOCAL EVENTS

TO-DAY
ANNIVERSARIES AND HOLIDAYS
Ember Day.
AUCTIONS.—Carpets, Rugs, and Embroidered Materials, etc., at 2 Connaught Road, Central, 10.30 a.m.; Postage Stamps, at Lammer's Auction Room, 205, at 5.15 p.m.
CINEMAS.—(See Column 3 of this Page).
DANCES.—St. Andrew's Club. Carnival Dance, 8.45 p.m.; Central British Assn. Carnival Masquerade Supper-Dance, at Peninsula Hotel, 9 p.m.
ENTERTAINMENTS.—Hongkong Philharmonic Society, "Ruddigore," at Queen's Theatre, 9.20 p.m.
MAILS.—(See Page 16).
MEETINGS.—St. Andrew's Church Medical Working Party, 10 a.m.; **MISCELLANEOUS.**—Y. M. C. A. Women's Section Bridge Class, 10 a.m.; Exhibition of Rollef-flex Rolleiflex Pictures in Gloucester Arcade.
MOON.—X. Moon, 25th. Day.
REHEARSALS.—Y.M.C.A. Pantomime, 8 p.m.
RELIGIOUS.—St. Andrew's Church Full Choir Practice, 6.30 p.m.
SPORTS.—(See Page 2).
SUNRISE.—4.55 a.m. **SUNSET.**—5.41 p.m.
TIDES.—High at 03.20 and 16.50. Low at 09.47 and 23.10.

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WOMEN'S PAGE

Masquerade Carnival Dance

GIVEN BY C.B.A. TO-NIGHT

The Central British Association "Masquerade Carnival Dance," which is being held to-night in the Rose Room of the Peninsula Hotel, promises to be a "bumper affair."

While there are no Cabaret items, several novelty numbers have been arranged—including a "Spot Dance," and a "Waltz Competition" of which George Goncharoff, prominent local dancing teacher will be the chief judge.

There will be prizes for these two items, as well as for the best ladies' and gentlemen's costume—also for the most original, both ladies' and gentlemen's costume. Although this is to be a "Special" dance, there will be no increase in the price of tickets.

The Kowloon Bowling Green Club will hold a Christmas Party to-morrow afternoon.

Arrivals from Shikung and Shektau state that the damaged iron bridges at the two places seem to be incapable of repair. The Japanese have several times tried to repair them for the resumption of train service on the Canton-Kowloon Railway but have been unsuccessful.

NEWSETTES

The Christmas Festival of Loloma Kindergarten will be held at 3.45 p.m. on December 20.

Mr. R. B. Moller of Shanghai was a passenger arriving yesterday in the Colony by the Empress of Russia.

Mr. C. E. Norris, of the Standard-Vacuum Oil Company, returned to the Colony yesterday in the s.s. Empress of Russia.

Quarantine restrictions imposed by the Government of Japan against arrivals from Hongkong on account of cholera have been removed.

Mr. S. Clark, representative of Richard Hudnut beauty preparations, arrived yesterday by the Empress of Russia.

Miss Alice Salvado, of Macao, was yesterday the guest of her sister, Mrs. L. G. Alves, at a birthday tea party given in her honour at the Caposian Hotel, Calne Road.

The following are among the list of candidates selected for appointments in the Colonial police service—To Hongkong: Mr. B. C. Fay, Sevenoaks School, and Mr. G. A. R. Wright-Nooth, Bedford School.

Capt. G. F. Lindsay-Crawford has taken over the business of Messrs. Angus & Co., the Shanghai marine and cargo surveyors.

Mr. George Lynott, China manager of the American Bank Note Company, arrived yesterday in the Empress of Russia accompanied by Mrs. Lynott.

The Hongkong Chinese Dancers' Association are to hold a tea dance in the Grill Room of the Hongkong Hotel on Sunday next from 5 p.m. to 7.15 p.m.

The Helena May Institute is to present, on December 20 and 21, the pantomime, "The Three Beans." An excellent programme is promised.

A total of 15,181 cases were treated by the St. John Ambulance New Territories Benevolent Association during November. Among these were 195 maternity cases.

An exhibition is to be held by the Bazaar Relief Committee at the Y.M.C.A., No. 33c Bonham Road, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. to-morrow and on Sunday, respectively.

Mr. Lawrence Kadoorie has consented to present the scholarships and prizes at the annual prizegiving at Ellis Kadoorie School on Wednesday, December 21, at 10.30 a.m.

Mr. Howard L. Terzin, Far Eastern representative of the American Express Co., Inc., and Mrs. Terzin were passengers arriving yesterday by the Empress of Russia.

The Rev. and Mrs. R. O. Jolliffe, of the United Church of Canada at Chengtu, Szechuen, arrived in the Colony yesterday by the Empress of Russia from the United States.

Mr. Ma Wai-but, formerly manager of the Shanghai branch of the National Commercial and Savings Bank, is returning to the northern port on Sunday in the Coite Biancamano. He is joining the Sincere Co.

Five cases each of measles and diphtheria, four cases of diphtheria, two of small-pox and one case each of enteric fever and chicken-pox were reported to the local health authorities on Wednesday.

Brig-General E. B. Macnaughten, general manager of the British-American Tobacco Company, arrived from Shanghai with Mrs. Macnaughten in the Empress of Russia yesterday.

The first annual prize distribution of the Wah Tak School of Commerce, Kowloon, will be held in the Majestic Theatre at 10 a.m. on Sunday next. Mr. Lo Man-ho has consented to give away the prizes and certificates.

On Monday evening, in the Peninsula Hotel Rose Room, there will be a practice dance for the St. Andrews' Ball, which will be held on December 23.

This afternoon, the Management of the Peninsula Hotel will give a Christmas party for their young guests.

The National Red Cross Society of China is to show a film depicting the activities of its Medical Relief Commission during the past 12 months at St. John's Ambulance Headquarters, Tsimshing Road, today. The length of the film is 1,400 ft. and it will take 35 minutes to be screened.

Mr. S. Hikada, Japanese Consul-General at Shanghai, has left the northern port for Tokyo to take up his new appointment as director of the Economic Affairs Bureau of the Asia Development Board of the Japanese Government. He has been succeeded in Shanghai by Mr. Y. Miura, Consul-General at Tsingtau.

Publication of a German language newspaper in Tokyo is being contemplated by German residents, according to the "Hochi Shimbun." The journal, "In keeping with the spirit" of the German-Japanese cultural agreement concluded recently, was to issue its first edition on or about December 12. Dr. Rose Wagner has been named the editor.

HO WEDDING

Brilliant Reception In Roof Garden

Scion of one of the best-known and respected local families, Mr. Ho Hung-kwan, manager of the Hongkong Commercial Company, and a grandson of Sir Robert Ho Tung, was married to Miss Leung Hon-hing, daughter of the late Mr. Leung Pak-pat, at the Registry, Supreme Court, yesterday.

The ceremony was performed by Mr. T. J. Gould, Deputy Registrar of Marriages, and the witnesses were Messrs. Ho Sal-wing, the bridegroom's father, and Mr. Leung Chung-ku.

THE RECEPTION

(BY "ROSETTE")

The reception, held in the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel, was a brilliant affair which was attended by over 700 guests.

Mrs. Ho was dressed in a silver trailing lame gown with a dangle sash and carried a bouquet of mixed Easter lilies and African daisies. Her soft bridal veil and the traditional flower adorning either side of her forehead added delicate touches to her beauty.

Miss Chan Sam-chu, her Maid of Honour, looked charming in a flowing robe of pink satin, with a garland on her head and a bouquet of gladiolus in her hand. Mr. Ho Hung-chiu was best man. In the absence through indisposition of Sir Robert Ho Tung, Lady Ho Tung, and Mr. and Mrs. Ho Wing, the bridegroom's parents, received the guests.

Sir Robert Kotewall made a speech in Chinese congratulating the happy couple, to which the bridegroom replied in a few words. The members of both families and their guests then sat down to tea.

CEREMONIAL ROBES

Lady Ho Tung, Mrs. Ho Fook, Mrs. Ho Kam-tong and Mrs. Leung Pak-kut wore gorgeous ceremonial robes. The daughters-in-law of the Ho family were in less formal garb of various delicate shades and materials.

The Misses Victoria and Alice Leung, sisters of the bride, were in beautiful broad gowns, and the Misses Florence and Julie Ho, sisters of the groom, favoured brown and red shades of velvet respectively. The dresses of these, and the other ladies present, made a truly brilliant spectacle.

Others present included the Hon. Sir Robert Kotewall, Hon. Sir Shouson Chow, Hon. Mr. T. N. Chau, Messrs. Tang Shui-kin, Mok Kong-sang, Thomas Tam, Tam Woon-ton, Chow Shui-ng, Fung Kong-yuen, Kenneth Chan, Liang Sal-wah, T. F. Lo, Ngan Shing-kwan, G. She, J. F. Grose, Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Woo, Misses Doris and Helen Kotewall, Misses Phyllis, Joyce and Marjorie Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Wong Sik-chung, Mrs. S. N. Chau, and many others.

MARRIAGE AT REGISTRY

Mr. Lim Cheuk-phong, merchant, a son of Mr. Lim Man-hong, well-known Chinese doctor, was married to Miss Lo Sau-yung at the Registry, Supreme Court, yesterday. Mr. T. J. Gould, Deputy Registrar of Marriages, officiated, and the witnesses were Messrs. R. J. Ribeiro and Poon Tse-fong.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Forthcoming marriages announced include:—Mr. Tsang Tak-sun, merchant, residing at No. 16 Gramplan Road, Kowloon City, and Miss Ip Sau-ching, of No. 8 Park Road; Mr. Frederico Desiderio Franco, clerk, residing at No. 21 Kwong Ming Street, second floor, and Miss Helen Wong, of No. 141 Wongnei-chong Road; Mr. Lam Wing-hung, editor of the "Wah Kiu Yat Po," residing at No. 113 Fuk Wah Street, first floor, Shamshupo, and Miss Kwok Wai-hang, of No. 78 Wai Ching Street, Yau-mat.

Prince Chitrakati, son of ex-King Prajadhipok of Siam, is marrying on December 21 Miss Mani Raja Nuparabandu, daughter of the late Mr. Riva Raja Nuparabandu, former Siamese Minister in London.

FRIDAY'S MENU

BREAKFAST

Applesauce
Cereal
Herrings
Buckwheat Cakes
Honey
Coffee

LUNCHEON

Clam Chowder
Cold Slaw Salad
Cheese and Egg Souffle
Grilled Tomatoes
Spinach
Lemon Pie
Tea

DINNER

Fruit Cocktail
Borscht and Sour Cream
Pickled Beet Salad
Macaroni Au Gratin
Baked Onions
Little Peas
French Pastry
Coffee

SHOPPERS URGED TO BOYCOTT JAPAN

London, Dec. 15. Prominent Society people and stage and film actors, including Lady Layton, Lady Gladstone and Lady Violet Bont m-Carter are taking part in a poster parade amid Christmas shoppers on December 19, protesting against the "barbarous bombardment of Chinese civilians by the Japanese."

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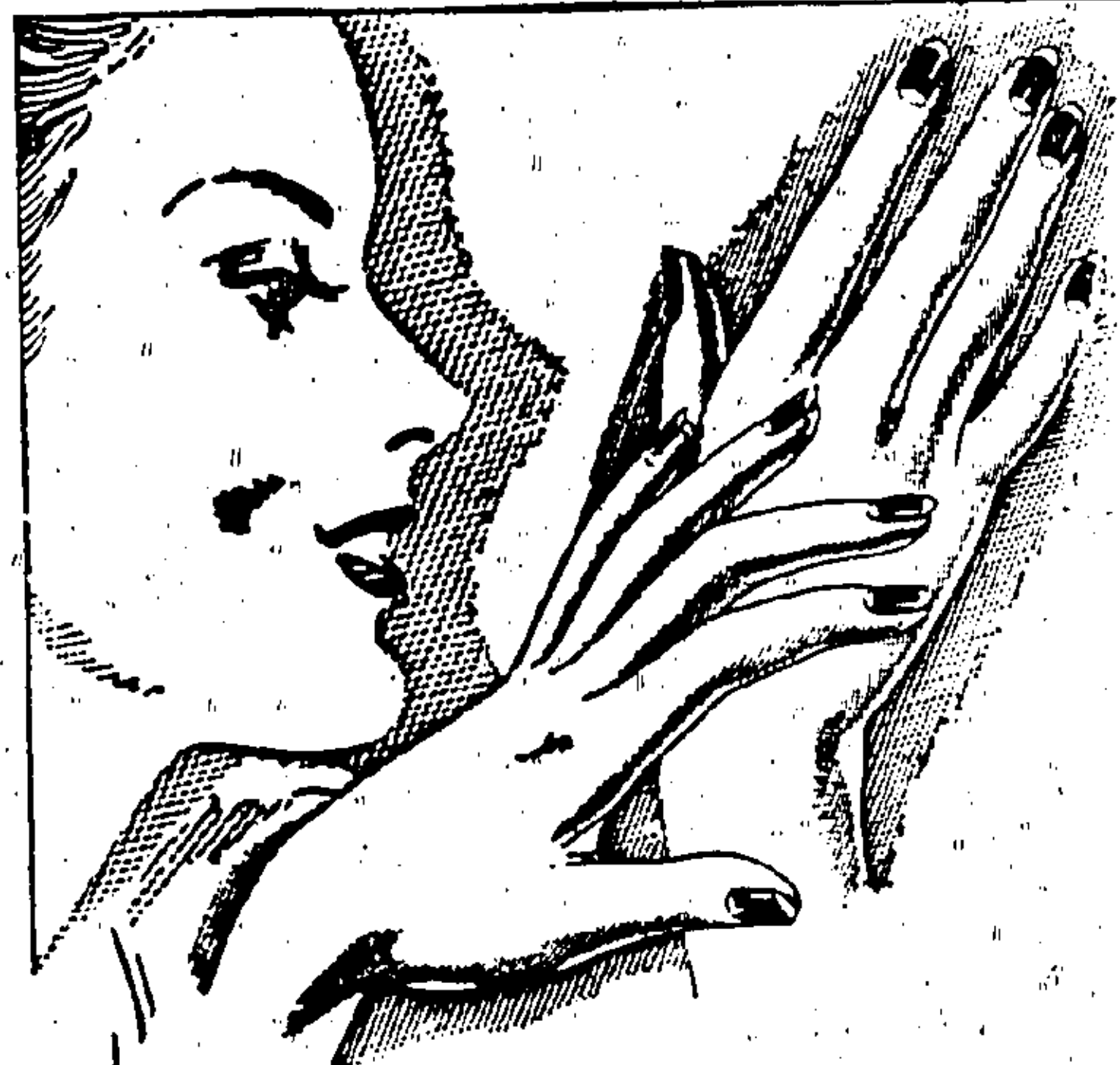
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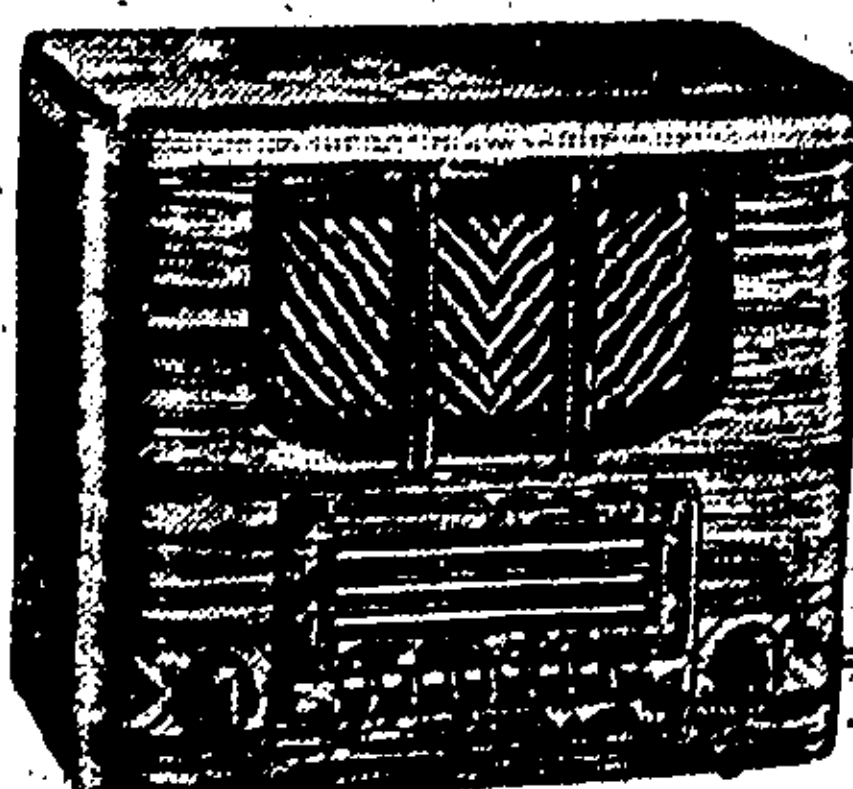
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Publication Of Notice Admitted By Defence

(Continued from Page 1)

Opening the case for the plaintiff, Mr. Macnamara said the action was one of libel—an attack had been made on Mr. Brayfield's reputation.

Mr. Brayfield was a man who had been in the Colony for a great number of years; he was principal of the firm of Carmichael and Clarke, marine surveyors, and, from a social point of view he was a special juror and a Justice of the peace. He had also engaged in the sport of racing and not only did he keep ponies for racing at the Jockey Club but he also had a private stable and was an expert on horse breeding.

The plaintiff in this case was posted at the Jockey Club as a defaulter. Mr. Macnamara went on: "It is not suggested in this case that Mr. Brayfield could not pay since the account in question was between \$130 and \$140 of which he paid up all but the \$9.10 is the subject of dispute."

"They knew that he disputed the facts and yet, with their eyes open, they put his name on the board as a defaulter."

Mr. Macnamara then proceeded to give details regarding correspondence between the parties.

The defence admitted publication of the notice, that it meant plaintiff had failed to pay his account and that in consequence he was a defaulter. Defendants, however, claimed their action was a privilege, but this counsel submitted, was a matter entirely for the Court.

MR. BRAYFIELD'S EVIDENCE

Mr. Brayfield, in the witness box, said he had been a member of the Jockey Club since 1909 and "started racing in 1921."

In reply to Mr. Macnamara he agreed that he had twice previously paid small charges for excess fodder but in one case he was satisfied by the then stable manager, Mr. Kinchin, and on the second occasion the amount was paid while he, witness, was away.

In February this year he had Salvage Master and Shipmaster in his stable. He made no arrangement with the trainer as regards excess fodder and he disagreed with the course for feeding circulated by Mr. Bernard Brown in

January 1938, recommending among other things, between 12 and 13 lbs. of feed per day.

Mr. Macnamara: Did you give them any extra rations from the Jockey Club?

Witness: Not with these extra rations of mine.

So you were surprised when you got the bill for extra feed?—I was. I suppose your letters represent your views still?—Yes.

Mr. Potter: If in fact Tau Ko-po, your trainer, had given this excess feed to your ponies, would you have paid?—I would have been annoyed and surprised, but I would have paid.

Tau Ko-po is still your trainer?—He is still my trainer, but he is an employee of the Jockey Club.

HIGHLY REPUTABLE

He informed the accountant of the Jockey Club that he gave your ponies 91 lbs. of extra feed?—I never said so. He is a highly reputable man.

Did you say that the amount of fodder consumed was between owner and trainer?—I would not say Major Hogg if I wanted excess fodder.

You know very well that the practice is not to go to Major Hogg but for the trainer to bet the fodder himself?—I don't know.

If excess fodder was agreed between you and Tau, the latter would go and get it?—I suppose so. On April 8, you wrote asking for substantial proof in respect of the excess fodder. You were therefore refusing to accept Tau's word?—Yes.

Why?—Because it was so utterly impossible for the pony to have eaten so much.

Why didn't you tell the Jockey Club about this?—I already admitted I was prepared to pay for it, provided substantial proof was forthcoming.

And substantial proof would be a statement by Tau?—I suppose it is.

AFTERNOON PROCEEDINGS

Before Mr. Brayfield returned to the witness-stand to continue being cross-examined by Mr. Potter, the foreman of the jury, Mr. Fleming, asked His Lordship's permission to retire for five minutes as the jury wanted to discuss the case.

His Lordship: It is not your function to discuss it at this stage of the proceedings.

Mr. Fleming: Could I say that at this stage the jury have heard sufficient to form an opinion?

His Lordship: I don't think you are entitled to form any opinion until the case for the plaintiff is over.

Detailed cross-examination by Mr. Potter regarding the matters of feeding, measurement and weight of the feeds followed.

Going on to the conversation plaintiff had had with Mr. T. E. Pearce, Mr. Potter asked: I put it to you that Mr. Pearce approached you in a most conciliatory manner and made every effort he could to try and settle the unhappy dispute. Is that true or not?—He definitely wanted payment without any evidence.

Will you agree that he approached you in a conciliatory manner?—I don't think so. When Mr. Pearce approached me I congratulated him on a win and he said "never mind, I want to talk to you on an important matter."

MAFOOS TESTIFY

After further cross-examination of Mr. Brayfield, two mafos in his employ, Tang Ping and Tang Kam-chuen, who respectively looked after Salvage Master and Ship Master, two of Mr. Brayfield's horses, gave evidence. They testified as to the feed each horse was given every day. Both refuted the suggestion made to them by Mr. Sheldon, in cross-examination, that a somewhat larger quantity

Girl Rushed To Hospital By Plane

When the Air France plane, Ville de Beyrouth, arrived from Hanoi yesterday, it brought an invalid passenger, Miss Edith Sanders, who was being rushed to Hongkong for an operation for appendicitis. Born in Shanghai, Miss Sanders was suddenly taken ill in Kunming (Yunnanfu) about a week ago.

The young lady's mother, Mrs. V. V. Sanders, was at the airport with an ambulance, and the patient was taken immediately to the Kowloon Hospital.

PLANE MOVEMENTS

The Air France plane will leave Kai Tak to-morrow on its return to Hanoi.

Two Imperial Airways planes, Delphinus and Dardanus, arrived yesterday afternoon with mail from England. The three planes of this Company will leave for Bangkok this morning with the mail destined for Australia and England.

One plane is due back to-morrow afternoon with mail from Australia, only. Two other planes will arrive in Hongkong to-morrow with the mail from England, which has been delayed 24 hours due to poor weather conditions on the main line.

HOP YAT CHURCH CONCERT

CHORAL ITEMS IN PROGRAMME

An exceptionally interesting programme has been arranged for the Christmas Choral Concert at the Hop Yat Church in Bonham Road at 8.15 p.m. on Wednesday, December 21. The soloists will be Mary Wu (soprano); Wu Pak-chau (tenor); Ho An-tung (violin); and Lee Muk-long (flute).

The Rev. Cheung Chuk-ling will preside and Mr. Fung Hin-chung will be conductor. Miss Lam Kwan will act as accompanist. The programme will be as follows:—

And the Glory of the Lord ("Messiah")—Handel.
I am Alpha and Omega—Stainer.
Largo Espressivo (with humming)—Pugnani.
Andante—Mozart.

O'er Land and Meadow (choral accompaniment)—Rossini.
Hallelujah Amen—Handel.
The Heavens are Telling ("Creation")—Haydn.

Concerto No. 1 in A Minor—Acolay.
There Were Shepherds—Gliff.
Angels' Serenade—Braga.
O Lord My God—Beethoven.

In Native Worth ("Creation")—Haydn.
Hallelujah Chorus ("Messiah")—Handel.

Kwok Yau, 22, unemployed, was sentenced to three months' imprisonment by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Court yesterday when he was found guilty on a charge of aiding and abetting the theft of a fountain pen from Li Tat-sang, at Queen's Road Central, on Wednesday.

had in fact been allocated the horses.

Mr. Macnamara announced that that was his case.

Following some discussion amongst the jury, the foreman said they would like to hear Tau Ka-po.

His Lordship: I am sure he will be called, but it is not in the province of the jury to ask for such and such a witness to be called. I was merely waiting to see whether you wished to renew the suggestion you made earlier this afternoon to retire for consideration. I directed you at that time that you must hear the case for the plaintiff.

The foreman thereupon said the jury did wish to retire. After eight minutes the jury returned and the foreman announced: The jury decide that the case should proceed.

His Lordship adjourned the hearing till 10 a.m. to-day.

Examination For Air Raid Wardens

DATES, SUBJECTS ANNOUNCED

The Air Raid Precautions Officer announces that the first course of instruction for the Air Raid Wardens held at the Headquarters of the Emergency Unit Reserve (Police) has been completed.

Arrangements have been made for the members who attend this course to take their examination at St. Paul's College, Pedder Hill (by kind permission of Mr. Stewart, Headmaster).

The dates, times and subjects of the examination are as follows:—
December 16, at 5.30 p.m.—Personal Protection against gas. (A.R.P. Handbook No. 1).

December 18, at 9.30 a.m. to 11 a.m.—First Aid for Gas Casualties. (A.R.P. Handbook No. 2).

December 18, at 11.10 a.m. to 1.10 p.m.—The duties of Air Raid Wardens, etc. (A.R.P. Handbook No. 8).

Candidates obtaining 75 per cent. marks in each of the examination papers will be issued by Government with an Air Raid Wardens certificate, together with an Air Raid Precautions Badge, thus qualifying as an Air Raid Warden Instructor, and Candidates who obtain over 60 per cent. but under 75 per cent. will be issued by Government with an Air Raid Wardens certificate, together with an Air Raid Precautions Badge, thus qualifying for the duties of an Air Raid Warden.

ABSENT JUROR FINED

When the hearing of the Brayfield vs. Hongkong Jockey Club Libel Case was resumed before His Honour the Acting Chief Justice, R. E. Lindsell, in the Supreme Court yesterday afternoon, Mr. V. D. Sorby, manager of the Hongkong Electric Co. Ltd., was called before His Lordship to offer an explanation as to why he had failed to appear when his name was called in the morning to serve as one of the special jurors on the case.

Mr. Sorby: At about 9.45 a.m. my chief assistant came into my office, kept me talking, and I forgot the time.

His Lordship: Is that the best excuse you can offer?

Mr. Sorby: It is the truth.

His Lordship: Oh, I am convinced of that, but it is no excuse. The result of your non-appearance is that another member of the community has to put in at least two days' jury service, while you have escaped with part of a morning. You will pay a fine of \$25.

Appearing before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Court yesterday charged with stealing 50 cents from Ip Man-wah, at Haven Street, on Wednesday, Chau Hing, unemployed, was sentenced to six weeks' imprisonment.

CONDOR PLANE DUE HERE

First intimation that another Condor plane will shortly arrive in Hongkong, was given yesterday when it was revealed that the German Consul had sought permission for the plane to land, probably in two days' time.

Little is known about the flight, but it is thought it may be connected with the other Condor, which, after achieving a record flight from Berlin to Tokyo, crashed in Manila Bay on its homeward trip, last week.

Pleading guilty to a charge of cruelty to fowls Wong Ka, 25, a refugee, was fined \$10 by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Court yesterday. Inspector Russell said that 153 chickens were crowded in three crates.

Dogs And Cats On Menu Of Queer Restaurant

One live canine and several that had been killed, and a menu describing the "delicious dishes of abalone and dog or cat meat" were the exhibits brought to the Central Court yesterday when two men, Wong Kwong and Lai Tong, appeared before Mr. R. Edwards in connection with a charge of operating an eating house without a licence.

Mr. A. K. Taylor, Chief Sanitary Inspector, stated that a revenue officer who, acting on information, had carried out a raid on the defendants' premises, No. 8, Kau U Fong, in connection with drugs, came upon the queer restaurant, and then informed the Sanitary Department of the facts. Together with other officers Mr. Taylor went to the premises and saw several newly-killed dogs hanging in the kitchen and several boilers containing animal meat being prepared for sale. One live dog, which would have met with the same fate, was tied up.

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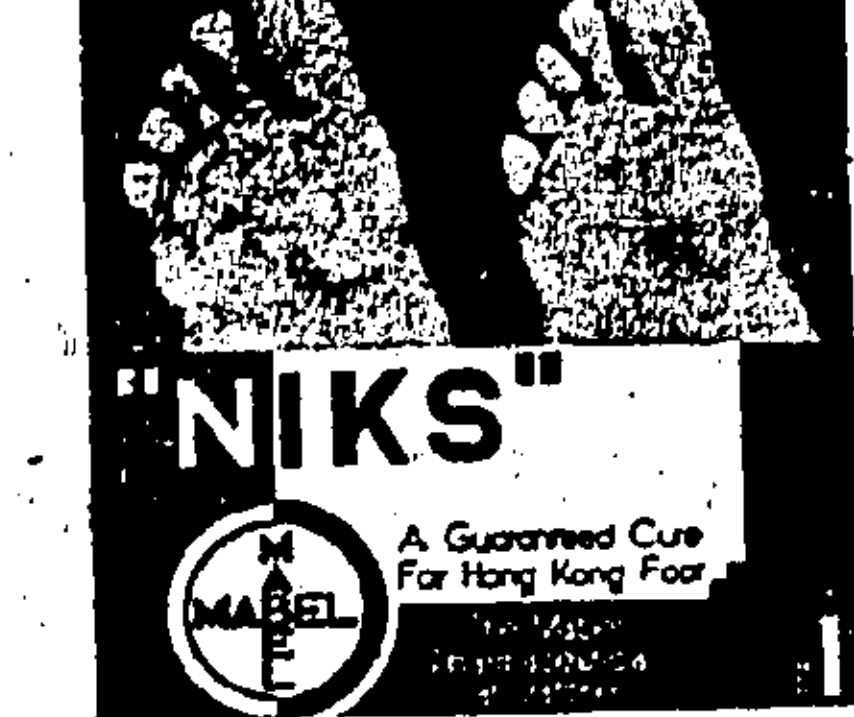
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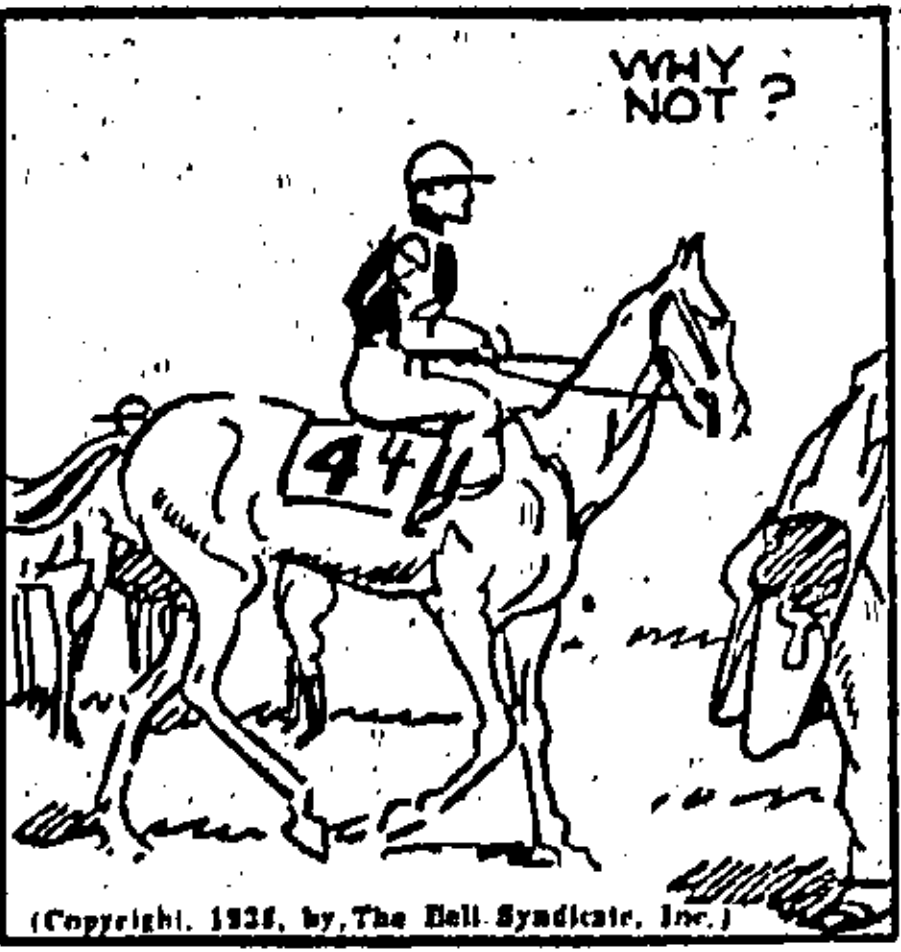
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C. G. SOLLIS,

Ag. Director of Education.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE

The Annual Meeting of the Boy Scouts Association will be held on Friday, December 16th at St. John's Cathedral Hall at 5.30 p.m. H.E. Sir Geoffrey Northcote, K. C. M. G., Chief Scout for Hong Kong will preside.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Certificate 6/NS.4430 dated Hongkong, 18th January, 1936, for Sixty shares of this Bank numbered 95407/95466 inclusive registered in the name of Mr. Vivian Geoffrey Smyth has been Lost or Stolen and should this certificate not be produced to the Bank before the 14th January, 1939, a new certificate for the shares will be issued, and the aforesaid Certificate No. 6/NS.4430 will be thereafter treated by this Corporation as Null and Void.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

V. M. GRAYBURN,
Chief Manager.

BIRTH

LONG.—On December 10, 1938, at the Paulin Hospital, Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Long, a son.

WEDDINGS

GUIGNARD—BLOWN.—On December 10, 1938, at Church of Christ the King, by the Rev. Father MacDonald, Joan Sylvia, youngest daughter of Capt. and Mrs. O. C. Blown of Shanghai, to Charles John, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Guignard of Shanghai.

VAN STELLINGWERFF—JOURAVEL.—On December 10, 1938, at the Netherlands Consulate, Shanghai, in the presence of Mr. G. W. Bolsevain, Consul General, Ronia Jouravel (nee Alshuler) to Peter Cornelius van Stellingwerff.

DEATHS

BARRACLOUGH.—In London, on December 11, 1938, the Reverend Charles Barraclough, formerly of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., China. Aged 76.

MARTIN.—On December 11, 1938, suddenly, at Shanghai, Jean McLean Martin, aged 48 years, Matron of the Shanghai Municipal Police Hospital.

SILVA.—On December 12, 1938, at Shanghai, Luis Constantino da Silva, aged 9 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. G. da Silva.

DAVIES.—On December 9, 1938, at the Country Hospital, Shanghai, Amelia Zita Davies, Assistant Matron, Shanghai Municipal Police Hospital.

VAN HOUTEN.—On December 10, 1938, suddenly, at Shanghai, Mr. Johann Christian van Houten, aged 60 years, husband of Mrs. Grietje van Houten-Wijnberg and father of Mrs. W. F. E. Roos-van Houten and Mr. B. J. van Houten.

CENSURE VOTE

London, Dec. 15. The Opposition has given notice of a vote of censure on the Government's foreign policy. Mr. Hugh Dalton will move the motion in Commons on Monday. — British Wireless.

Sentence of one week's imprisonment and 18 strokes of the cane was imposed on Mak Ming, 22, unemployed, when he appeared on remand before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Court yesterday on a charge of attempted larceny from the person of a 87-year-old widow on December 12.

Another four men of the 153rd Chinese Regiment has crossed the Kwangtung-Hongkong frontier after days of hardship. Like the three that reached safety on Tuesday, they had also seen fighting on the Shiklun front.

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XMAS MAILS

WITH THE DEPARTURE to-day of the last Christmas letter mails for Home, Hongkong will have no further chance to send greetings to the Mother Country except by cable.

THIS CHRISTMAS has seen one thing that the world has never seen before—"formation flights," or rather small squadrons of planes of the Imperial Airways bearing Christmas mails to the United Kingdom and vice versa.

This innovation on the part of the Imperial Airways is one that should bring those behind the scheme the heartiest congratulations and one that deserves to find encouragement from all sides.

PERHAPS SOME DAY whole squadrons of aeroplanes will set forth with a pacific intent, bearing with them the thoroughly encouraging message that massed flight means something more than massed destruction.

IN THE MEANTIME, it is indicated that a postal air service has its obligations as well as its opportunities; it is pointed out that the lightweight Christmas card has LIGHT special advantages if it WEIGHT is sent by air-mail. CARDS

Makers of Christmas cards realize this so they have already begun to meet that requirement with cards that are within the half-ounce limit even when they are surrounded by their proper envelopes.

THERE MAY BE a necessary and traditional solidarity about Christmas fare, but there is no reason whatever why the Christmas greeting should be sold, substantial and thick.

"A ROBIN REDBREAST in a cage" may "put all Heaven into a rage," but a Robin Redbreast of the Christmas-card variety (with a snow-covered) we in Hongkong are not accustomed to seeing) can be caged just as effectively on thin paper as on a plate-sunk mount with deckled edges and without arousing any rages in this world or anywhere.

EVEN WITHOUT AIR-MAIL requirements to act as an incentive, the later tendency in Christmas cards has been away from the massive and the ornate; goodwill is not to be reckoned in avoidropis.

IT WILL therefore be easy enough to meet the special requirements of the service that bears our greetings through the air; bombs may be a sullen business, with special problems for the engineer, but benevolence rises like a lark to match the airman's path and progress.

THE DEVELOPMENT of aviation has always been looked upon with keen interest and that of the Imperial Airways has always aroused a feeling of pride in the hearts of all Britons. As an instrument of peace, the latter has made considerable headway but, until the world is first at peace by other means, it cannot, paradoxically enough, be the instrument of peace that it could otherwise be.

HONGKONG looks forward fervently to a true and lasting peace, and to the day when the Motherland will be brought by aeroplanes to within thirty-six

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ACCUSED FAILS TO APPEAR

Bail Of \$3,000
Estreated

WARRANT ISSUED IN OPIUM CASE

"His mother died in Macao, your Worship," explained Mr. C. A. Sutherland Russ at the Central Court yesterday when Tsoi Chung, one of five clients failed to appear before Mr. R. Edwards to answer two charges of possession of 1,120 taels of prepared and raw opium. Tsoi first appeared on Wednesday afternoon, and at the conclusion of the hearing, Mr. W. M. Thomson, Assistant Superintendent of the Import and Export Department, who was conducting the prosecution, applied for an increase of bail which was granted and the bail which was originally \$2,000 was increased to \$3,000.

In view of the fact that it was 5 p.m., Tsoi was placed in a difficult position to raise the additional \$1,000. Mr. Mak, clerk to Mr. Russ, offered to "guarantee the additional bail in a surety."

The hearing was to commence at 2.30 p.m. yesterday, but owing to the non-appearance of Tsoi, the hearing was delayed for several minutes.

BAIL FORFEITHD

On being informed by Mr. Russ that Tsoi's mother had died at Macao, and that he was not present in Court, Mr. Edwards ordered Tsoi's bail of \$3,000 to be estreated and also issued a warrant for his arrest.

It will be recalled that acting on information received on December 9, Revenue Officer F. Fowler took his launch out on patrol and boarded a sampan at West Point. On the craft was found 1,120 taels of opium. Six men, Chan Chun, Tsoi Chung, Foo Gun, Chan Yau, Lau Sing and Ip Siu-wing, were arrested.

At the hearing yesterday, with the exception of the first defendant, the remainder said they were engaged by first defendant to row a boat for a night. They were promised 50 cents.

After further evidence was given the hearing was adjourned till 12.45 p.m. to-day.

H.K.C.Y.M.R.A. TO STAGE PLAY

In Aid Of War Relief

At an informal meeting held during a tea-party at the Chinese Merchants' Club yesterday, the Hongkong Chinese Youth Medical Relief Association completed its plans for the staging of an English play at the Queen's Theatre in the early part of March to raise funds for war relief.

The name of the play, a musical-comedy, is "Long Island Goes to Town" and it will be acted by some of the best-known people in the local Chinese set. The story in brief concerns the adventures of a young (and beautiful) girl who loves an equally young (and handsome) but impoverished man, but is "forced by parental disapproval to run away from home, when she falls into the clutches of a racketeering cabaret-proprietor.

The main parts will be taken by Miss Alvie Yuen, Mr. Wilfred Szeto and Mr. George Chow. First rehearsal will be on Monday at the Hongkong Ginger Distributors' Offices, on the third floor of China Building.

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Japanese Starve Hankow French Concession

A serious situation is developing regarding the French Concession, with the Japanese stopping the entrance of food to this area, in addition to refusing to turn on the water supply.

It is alleged that the Japanese demand for the French to hand over anti-Japanese elements among Chinese refugees in the Concession, which has been refused, has caused increased retaliation by the Japanese.

The Concession, which is only half a mile square, at present is packed with Chinese who cannot come out on account of their inability to obtain the necessary supplies are reported to be running low. Furthermore, while a limited water supply is being obtained from wells and pumping

from the river, this is insufficient to meet the needs of sanitation, and consequently the Japanese measures are creating most pressing problems.

It is understood that if local negotiations prove unavailing, the French would forward the matter to Paris for Government action.

WEDNESDAY'S WEDDINGS AT REGISTRY



On the left are Dr. Ong Ewe-hin, of the Hongkong University, and his bride, formerly Miss Tang Kuen-wah. On the right are Mr. and Mrs. Tony Tse Kai-tung. The bride was formerly Miss Alice Chan Mo-ien. Both weddings took place at the Registry, Supreme Court, on Wednesday. Mr. T. J. Gould, Deputy Registrar of Marriages, officiating. (Photos, A. A. Kahn).

Central British School Prize Giving

(Continued from Page 1)

the present Upper and Lower Forms. Each of these "schools" has its own problems and the fact that they have to be considered together, does not make our work here any easier.

ATTENDANCE

The increase in numbers during recent years is very noticeable; in 1927, the maximum enrolment was 180; 1932, 267; in 1937, 304. This term it is 315. This increase gives tangible evidence of the confidence Hongkong parents have in the school, and it is my considered opinion, that that confidence is well placed.

HEALTH

The health of pupils and staff has been generally good. The Summer Term showed fewer absences than usual among the Staff. This may partly be explained by the fact that no member was called upon to fill in gaps caused by absence of other members due to slight indisposition.

I must draw attention to the prevalence throughout the school of the habit of nail-biting. I am convinced that nervous irritation is chiefly responsible; the cure lies in keeping both hands occupied. This will explain my reference to Handwork.

There has been some mention recently of a Chair of Preventive Medicine at the University. The medical profession seems hardly to have made up its mind what is the special field of that branch of Medicine, but it seems to me that it lies on the fringe of the teachers' work, psychology—scientific, not speculative—being the branch of knowledge common to both professions. If this is so, this school along with others will greatly benefit by the setting up of such a department in the University.

DISCIPLINE

It is a logical step from health to discipline. Free happy activity is the aim as well as the criterion. To me there is no higher standard than this, and we are on the way to reaching it. The happiness is there, but there is a lack of freedom.

I deplore also what I may term the "boy-amah" complex. It is in evidence in the classroom, when pupils ask to be told something, e.g. the spelling of a word which with a little effort they may find out for themselves.

STUDIES

Handwork and Music are now considered essential elements in any modern school curriculum. Arrangements are being made to give these a place in this school, compatible with their social and cultural importance.

I look forward to the time when there will be some differentiations in the work of the Sixth Form. Not all pupils want or benefit by an academic curriculum. I should like to see a "commercial group."

EXAMINATIONS

In my opinion we are examination-ridden in this Colony. I am not at all happy when I see children of all ages spending long hours writing answers to questions that frequently have little meaning for them. But perhaps the less I say on this topic the better. I hope to see the day when assistant and head teachers will be trusted to report on the general progress of their pupils without the need for such agonies as are

at present endured by all concerned—and to such little purpose.

The Standard for External Examinations in Britain is becoming absurdly high for pupils of 15 to 16 years of age; so much so that steps are now being taken in England to make School Leaving Certificate easier of attainment by the normal healthy pupil. I, for my part, think that this is being done in the wrong way.

I am convinced that in Hongkong we are in advance of England in this respect. To grant to a pupil leaving a Secondary School a Certificate which may not include Mathematics, an additional language or a Science seems to me a retrograde step.

I hasten to point out, however, that for English-speaking pupils at the stage of Form V, the standard of the Hongkong School Certificate Examination is not high. Before promotion to Form VI has really been earned, pupils will require to attain Honours standard. Two years of hard work and careful thinking are required before pupils at the Hongkong School Certificate standard reach English School Certificate standard and for most pupils another year is required to reach English Matriculation and Scottish School Certificate standard. If this school is to continue to present candidates for this examination, I suggest that they should be entered from Form IV.

Pupils in Forms Remove to IV were examined by the Staff. Of these 85 per cent. passed a somewhat severe test and a slightly larger percentage was promoted. Greater care is being taken in making promotion from Form to Form. I would urge on parents the desirability of co-operation with the Staff in this respect.

SPORTS AND ATHLETICS

The playing fields are in constant use and all pupils now have an opportunity to participate regularly in games. The few exceptions to this are having my personal attention. The school record in games and athletics is excellent. The Athletics Team won the Governor's Shield at the Inter-School Sports for the second successive year. Cricket and football have been played regularly and enthusiastically by practically all the boys in the school. Both School First XI's had creditable records.

I have only one further comment to make. The publicity attached to many of the games is not having a good effect on sportsmanship. Frequently the atmosphere also in which the games, especially hockey, is played in is not such as I approve.

Less press publicity would be a step in the right direction. I cannot close without referring to steps that are being taken to keep in touch with present parents and past pupils. An attempt is being made to revive interest in School activities among both.

Whatever success this may have will depend on the co-operation and financial support of all concerned.

I take this opportunity to express publicly my sincere thanks to the members of the Staff who have given me ungrudgingly of their time and knowledge. My thanks are also due to

WAH YAN PAST STUDENTS MEET

The Wah Yan Past Students' Association held its first Council Meeting of the current term 1938-39 at the offices of Messrs. Tai Wo Hing Co., Ltd., when Mr. Kwok Fook-sun (President), Rev. Fr. Gallagher, Messrs. Lim Hoi Lan, Kwan Man-wai (Hon. Treasurer), Joseph Ng, Cheng Fook-chol and others were present.

It was decided to place the matter of membership campaign in the hands of Rev. Father Gallagher and Mr. Lim Hoi-lan (Headmasters of Wah Yan and its Kowloon Branch, respectively) with the help of all the Council members.

The worthy cause of war relief work was unanimously agreed to be carried on with renewed vigour, and means of raising fund from members, school children and other public bodies were mapped out, through the medium of subscription books issued by the Council.

Prefects and pupils who have by their cheerful and responsive friendliness made my sojourn among them a happy one.

To parents and friends we extend our thanks for their presence here to-day and for their encouragement and assistance in the past.

I have great pleasure in welcoming Sir Henry Pollock. Sir Henry has a long record of distinguished service in this Colony dating back half a century. He is keenly interested in education and took great trouble to be made conversant with all that pertains to this school.

SIR HENRY POLLOCK

Sir Henry Pollock said:— It gives me much pleasure to be here to-day to present the awards of scholarships and prizes, and in advance, I heartily congratulate the recipients.

I am delighted to learn from the speech which the acting Headmaster has just read that the pupils of the Central British School have done so well in the examinations, and these satisfactory results reflect credit not only upon the pupils concerned but also upon the Staff of the School.

I understand that Mr. Handyside is hoping, in the course of the next year or two, to enable pupils by means of scholarships, to continue at school for further study in more practical branches of education and to encourage local boys and girls to train for some useful profession.

GAMES' IMPORTANCE

Whilst it is satisfactory that the school have acquired themselves well in the field of sport and whilst I fully appreciate the importance of healthy exercise, I hope that none of you boys and girls, owing to seeing your names or photographs in the newspapers, are under the erroneous impression that proficiency in games is one of the most important things in life.

On the contrary, it is immeasurably more important that you acquire the habits of discipline and self-control and of willingness to devote yourselves and your lives to the service of others who are less fortunately placed than you are.

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JUDGMENT READ IN CINEMA APPEAL

Judgment in writing was given by the Full Court on Dec. 14 in the appeal, which it had already dismissed on December 1, and in which Mr. Ng Pak-to, proprietor of the Central Theatre, had sought to have set aside the decision of Sir Atholl MacGregor, Chief Justice, in the latter's judgment against him in the claim for \$17,500 which the Unique Film Production Company had brought against him early this year.

Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., instructed by the Hon. Mr. M.K. Lo, represented the film company, and Mr. H.C. Macnamara, instructed by Mr. W.A. Mackinlay, of Messrs. Deacons, was for Ng Pak-to. It was on Mr. Macnamara's request at the conclusion of the hearing of the appeal on December 1 that the written judgment was delivered yesterday.

The Acting Chief Justice, Mr. Justice R.E. Lindsell, and the Acting Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice E.H. Williams, sat as the Appeal Court.

The judgment, which was read by the Acting Chief Justice, is as follows.

"This appeal, which we have already dismissed, was one from the judgment of Sir Atholl MacGregor C.J. by which he decided in favour of the plaintiffs (now the respondents) a preliminary point of law arising out of the pleadings in this action and ordered to be argued and determined before trial.

"That point was, and is, this—whether or no, taking all the circumstances of the case into consideration, the appellant is entitled in law to rescission of his contract with the respondents on the ground that at the time of the contract the respondents were aware of the fact, which they did not disclose to the appellant, of an adverse claim to copyright in the film which was the subject matter of the contract.

"The facts were in brief as follows:—The respondents are a firm of cinema film producers and the appellant is the owner of a cinema theatre in the Colony. On January 10th, 1938, the appellant agreed with the respondents on certain terms to exhibit at his theatre for seven days from February 4th a film called "Tuk Mui Kwai" (The Poisoned Rose), and on January 14th this contract was reduced to writing and the film was duly delivered to the appellant who paid \$3,000 to the respondents as bargain money.

At some time between January 10th and the execution of the contract in writing on January 14th the respondents became aware that the copyright in the said film was claimed by a third party. How and in what form the claim came to the notice of the respondents and what opinion they had or formed on its merits are not in evidence. At any rate, they did not disclose it to the appellant.

LETTER RECEIVED

"On the 28th or 29th January the appellant for the first time learnt of this claim when he re-

ceived a letter from Messrs. Wilkinson & Grist on behalf of the third party asserting that their client was the owner of the copyright in the film and informing him that proceedings had been started against the respondents for infringement of copyright which if successful would be followed by similar proceedings against the appellant claiming exemplary damages.

"As a result of this threat, and solely as a result thereof, the appellant repudiated the contract and declined to exhibit the film, and when sued by the respondents for damages for failure to exhibit, counterclaimed for the rescission of the contract sued upon and for the return of his \$3,000 bargain money.

"He based his counterclaim on the submission that non-disclosure by the respondents of the adverse claim entitled him to rescission. The Court below held that he was not so entitled and from that decision he appealed.

"I cannot help feeling in the words of Greer L.J. in *Davies v. Elmslie* (1937 Weekly Notes 404 at p.405) that "this case is an illustration of the futility of ordering an issue to be decided in advance of the ascertainment of the facts which might be relevant to the consideration of the question of law."

"It may be of course that the appellant was unable to obtain such proof that the third party's claim was a valid or even an arguable one and that the respondents took it seriously as would have enabled him to put forward a successful defence on the merits, but one would have thought that some evidence of the validity of the third party's claim, if it was a valid one, and of the respondents' attitude towards it must have been available to the appellant and might well have been decisive of this action.

QUESTION OF LAW

"Since, however, the question of law which the Court below decided and which is the subject of this appeal amounts merely to this—whether or no the appellant is entitled to relief merely because the respondents, whose title to the film he cannot dispute, did not disclose to him, when the contract was concluded, that an adverse claim to the title had been brought to their notice, we cannot consider any other facts or possibilities beyond those disclosed by or to be inferred from the pleadings.

"If I understand aright the argument of appellant's counsel, it falls under two heads. He contends, firstly, that the respondents' failure to disclose their knowledge of the adverse claim amounted to such misrepresentation as to entitle the appellant to repudiate; and secondly, even if there was no actual representation, yet in all the circumstances of this case there was a duty in the respondents to disclose the existence of the adverse claim and that breach of that duty entitled the appellant to repudiate.

"As to the first of these arguments, it is only necessary to ask what fact or state of affairs was misrepresented by the respondents to the appellant. The answer, as I see it, is "none." The respondents represented that they were in a position to give the appellant certain rights in respect of the film. The appellant cannot dispute that they were in such a position. They represented maybe that they were in a position to give the appellant "quiet enjoyment," to borrow a term from another branch of the law, of the film. Again, how can the appellant gainsay, in the absence of any evidence of how and in what form the adverse claim had been made and what opinion they had formed of it that the respondents were in such a position?

"QUIET ENJOYMENT"

"If any covenant for "quiet enjoyment" could be read into the contract, breach thereof might well have given the appellant a right to sue for damages but no right to repudiate the contract, but to argue that the respondents represented themselves as in a position to give quiet enjoyment is but to say in other words that they represented themselves as in a position to give the appellant certain unassailable rights over the film, because they themselves had a good title, and the appellant is brought back again to the same impasse that he cannot challenge that title.

"In support of this part of his argument Mr. Macnamara has cited several cases which he did not cite in the Court below, but in my view not one of them affords him any assistance.

"In *With v. O'Flanagan* (1936 Chancery p.576) the plaintiff had entered into a contract with the defendant to buy the latter's practice. At the beginning of the negotiations it had been represented to the plaintiff that the practice brought in £2,000 a year, which in fact it did, but when the contract was concluded six months later the defendant's illness and consequent employment of "locum tenentes" had reduced the income from the practice almost to nothing.

"This fact was not disclosed to the plaintiff before he signed the contract, and on discovering it he sued for rescission. He was held entitled to succeed on the ground that he had been induced to enter into the contract by representation which though true at the time it was made had subsequently, to the knowledge of the defendant, become untrue and yet had been allowed to continue to operate on the plaintiff's mind.

"How far is that case from this. Here certainly the appellant was induced to enter into a contract with the respondents by the representation that they had a good title to the film, but there is no evidence whatever that that representation ever was false, ever became false or is false to-day.

"So again in the prospectus cases (*Rex v. Kylsant* 146 Law Times Reports p.21; *Rex v. Bishir-*

gian & others 154 Law Times Reports p.499)—the fraud established against each defendant was that he had allowed a prospectus to issue to the public containing statements which though true to a point were falsified by facts which the prospectus did not disclose. What fact was concealed from the appellant here which falsified the respondent's representation that they had a good title to the film when for all we know the adverse claim may have been utterly frivolous and so regarded by the respondents?

"So far as the second part of Mr. Macnamara's argument is concerned, I cannot agree with his submission that in the particular circumstances of this case there was, quite apart from any question of actual misrepresentation, a duty in the respondents to disclose to the appellant the fact of the adverse claim.

APPELLANT'S DIFFICULTY

"Here again, the appellant is faced by what seems to me the insuperable difficulty that the claim may have been utterly frivolous and unsupported, and if the respondents regarded it (as for all we know they may have done) in that light, I cannot see how in law or in common sense they could have been required or expected to tell the appellant all about it.

"This aspect of the matter and three of the leading cases bearing upon it have been so fully dealt with in the judgment appealed from, with every word of which judgment I am in agreement, that I can see no useful purpose in attempting to elaborate it.

CASE OF BELL v. LEVERS

"Furthermore the additional cases to which Mr. Potter drew our attention are to my mind entirely in his favour, and in particular the case of Bell and another v. Lever Brothers Ltd. (1932 Appeal Cases p.161). There the appellants had been employed by the respondent company to manage one of its subsidiary companies on the disappearance of which through amalgamation they had been paid large sums as compensation for the loss of their employment; in the management of the subsidiary company they had been guilty of certain breaches of duty of which the respondent company did not become aware until after the compensation had been paid and which would have justified the company in dismissing them from their offices without compensation. On discovering the malpractices the company sued for rescission of the agreements and return of the sums paid in compensation.

"The jury found that in their negotiations with the respondent company for compensation the appellants had not been fraudulent, i.e. had not in mind their own malpractices.

"The trial judge found in favour of the company that the compensation agreements were void as having been made under a mutual mistake as to the legal relation between the parties and the Court (Continued on Back Page)

of Appeal upheld him on this and on the further ground that each of the appellants owed a duty to the company to disclose his breaches of duty and that their non-disclosure invalidated the compensation agreements.

"The House of Lords by a majority of three to two held that the agreements were valid; as to mutual mistake, because the mistake related not to the subject matter but to the quality of the service contracts, and as to unilateral mistake, because the appellants under their contracts of service with the company owed no duty to it to disclose the impugned practices.

EXCERPT FROM REPORT

"The following excerpt from the speech of Lord Atkin at pp. 227 and 228 of the Report is to my mind exceedingly material here:—
"It now becomes necessary to deal with the second point of the plaintiffs—namely, that the contract of March 19, 1929, could be avoided by them in consequence of the non-disclosure by Bell of his misconduct

as to the cocoa dealings. Fraudulent concealment has been negatived by the jury; this claim is based upon the contention that Bell owed a duty to Livers to disclose his misconduct, and that in default of disclosure the contract was voidable. Ordinarily the failure to disclose a material fact which might influence the mind of a prudent contractor does not give the right to avoid the contract. The principle of caveat emptor applies outside contracts of sale. There are certain contracts expressed by the law to be contracts of the utmost good faith, where material facts must be disclosed; if not, the contract is voidable. Apart from special fiduciary relationships, contracts for partnership and contracts of insurance are the leading instances. In such cases the duty does not arise out of contract; the duty of a person proposing an insurance arises before a contract is made, so of an intending partner. Unless this contract can be brought within this limited category of contracts uberrimae fidei it appears to me that this

ground of defence must fail. I see nothing to differentiate this agreement from the ordinary contract of service; and I am aware of no authority which places contracts of service within the limited category I have mentioned."

Here, despite Mr. Macnamara's submissions as to the peculiar nature of contracts connected with copyright and performing right, I can see no unusual features in the contract involved.

"We do not know all its terms, but it appears to have been merely an agreement by the parties that the appellant should exhibit the respondents' film on certain terms. I cannot see how it can be argued that such a contract falls within the limited category of those "uberrimae fidei" in which the law requires the disclosure of every material fact within the knowledge of one contracting party which may influence the conduct of the other.

"For these reasons I held that this appeal cannot succeed."
Mr. Justice Williams: "I agree."

RIFLE SHOOTING

SUBMARINE FLOTILLA AGAIN TO THE FORE

E. R. A. Thorpe Nearly Gets First Hundred Of Season

"POSSIBLE" FOR SGT. DUMVILLE

THE 4TH SUBMARINE FLOTILLA were again to the fore in Wednesday's Spoon and Practice Shoot carrying off the Nett Spoons both for S.R. (a) and S.R. (b). This must have been a better pill for them after they had been told that they were not eligible for the Colony teams.

E.R.A. Thorpe nearly scored the first 100 of the season, obtaining two 34 but only 31 at 500 yards. Sgt. Dumville, of the R.A.S.C. scored a "possible" at 500 yards but was unable to find the bull at 200 yards otherwise his score would have been much higher.

The Hongkong Police Reserve member is an exceptionally fine shot with the open sight scoring 94 last week at Stonecutters in 21 shots. Private Hammond of the Volunteers had the highest range score of 42 at 500 yards.

There will be a practice of the Far East Trophy Match for the S.R. (b) Colony team on Saturday 17th at Stonecutters, the Naval Range Staff kindly placing targets at their disposal—8 rounds (7 to count) at 200, 500 and 600 yards.

Scoring amongst the S.R. (a) was low. E.R.A. Thorpe of the 4th Submarine Flotilla, carrying off the Nett Spoon with a 82. It is suggested to some of the younger members that they make a more careful study of each of their shots. There are plenty of members on the Range who if asked are only too willing to assist anyone who has difficulty in being consistent.

RESERVED TARGETS
The Colony teams were firing on reserved targets and were debarr'd from the Spoon Shoot in order to allow younger members an opportunity of showing their mettle.

A practice for the Overseas Postal Match was carried out eleven rounds (10 to count) at 300, 500 and 600 yards.

P.O. J. C. Swan, as coach, very appropriately had the leading score of 138 followed closely by Sgt. Hale, of the Middlesex, with a 137.

The best range score was obtained by Mr. T. J. Boulton of the Duckyard Rifle Club with a 48 out of 50 at 500 yards.

P.O. H. Richards of Naval Range Staff leads the S.R. (a) team with 123 scoring the consistent 41. This

The leading scores and spoon winners are as follows:—

S.R. (B)				
	Heap	300 yds.	500 yds.	600 yds. Total
E.R.A. J. R. Thorpe	Scr.	34	31	34 99*
C.E.R.A. R. W. Atkinson	2	30	33	32 95
P/Sgt. L. C. Pennell	2	31	32	31 94
E.A. H. J. Templeton	Scr.	31	31	31 93
Cpl. F. Cole	3	30	31	30 91
Sgt. P. H. Thong	5	34	29	28 91
Inspector D. Lole	5	29	31	30 90*
Sgt. N. Dumville	3	27	35	28 90
L/Cpl. W. Henderson	5	30	31	28 89*
P.O. C. Clark	Scr.	32	30	27 89
Major S. White	4	28	30	30 88
Sgt. A. C. Chan	4	30	31	27 88
E.R.A. T. J. Cunningham	4	29	30	27 86
Pte. J. Scott (40)	9	24	32	28 84
S/Sgt. R. A. Neale	5	28	28	25 81

(All the above competitors used the "1914" Rifles.)

S.R. (A)				
	Heap	300 yds.	500 yds.	600 yds. Total
E.R.A. J. E. Sherlock	10	23	32	27 82*
Pte. D. M. Sim	7	28	25	28 81
A.B. E. G. Flood	8	24	30	26 80
E.R.A. J. Chick	10	25	28	25 78*
E.R.A. L. R. Barham	12	22	27	26 75*
Mr. N. L. Pan	10	24	23	27 74*
Cpl. J. D. Booth	9	22	26	26 74
L/Sto. T. C. McGill	13	15	27	30 72
Pte. R. Moore	11	18	24	28 70
Lieut. R. W. Mayo	12	25	28	17 70
Spr. W. Albane	7	24	24	21 69
L.S. K. C. Hoo	12	30	19	20 69
Pte. J. Adams	Nil	18	25	21 64
Pte. M. Myles	Nil	23	25	15 63
Pte. J. W. Walters	Nil	23	24	14 61

*Denotes winner of the "nett" spoon.

—Denotes winner of the "handicap" spoon.

N.B.—Winner of spoon had his handicap reduced as above by one point.

PRACTICE SHOOT FOR OVERSEAS POSTAL MATCH

S.R. (B)				
	300 yds.	500 yds.	600 yds.	Total
P.O. J. C. Swan	46	45	47	138
C/Sgt. P. Hale	45	47	45	137
Sgt. R. G. Heap	44	46	45	135
Capt. F. P. Sequeira	48	43	43	132
Mr. T. J. Boulton	43	48	40	131
Sgt. V. W. Cooper	40	42	44	126
Marine P. G. Heather	42	44	39	125
Sgt. L. J. B. Mackie	43	44	38	125
S.I. C. C. Chau	41	41	42	124
Mr. H. L. Langley	41	42	41	124

S.R. (A)				
	300 yds.	500 yds.	600 yds.	Total
P.O. H. Richards	41	41	41	123
Pte. V. M. Hammond	38	42	41	121
Mr. W. K. Gillman	40	41	39	120
Cpl. W. Nunn	41	38	38	117
Cpl. H. W. Morris	39	38	38	115
Pte. J. Scott	40	38	34	112
Sgt. G. W. Steer	40	39	31	110
Pte. D. M. Sim	32	41	34	107
Sgt. R. Kane	32	42	31	105
Cpl. Maghar Singh	37	37	31	105

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CHINESE SOCIETY WEDDING

MR. HO HUNG-KWAN, son of Mr. Ho Sai-wing and grandson of Sir Robert Ho Tung, and his bride, formerly Miss Leung Hon-hing, photographed after their marriage at the Registry yesterday afternoon. (Photo, A.A. Kahn).

IN THE
WORLD'S NEWS

AUSTRALIA

"Let us hear less of the defecists' hopelessly one-sided picture of the Empire threatened by a navy unable to cope with defence," declared Mr. J. A. Lyons, Australian Prime Minister, addressing a spectacular defence rally. While emphasising the need for recruits, he added, "Because of the depth of our faith in democracy we do not know the phrase 'decline of the British Empire'."

BRITAIN

Over 1,000 men are affected by a strike at an aircraft company's works at Brockworth, Gloucester. The strike is stated to be unofficial. It is understood the trouble arose in connection with the dismissal of a worker in consequence of an alleged breach of works regulations. The shop's stewards made efforts to obtain the man's reinstatement, but were unsuccessful.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain was again approached on the Franco-Italian dispute and again gave an evasive reply when asked about Britain's attitude in the event of war between the two Mediterranean powers.

FRANCE

With regard to the announcement of the Suez Canal Campaign that the canal tolls are to be lowered at the beginning of December, it is pointed out that this is the third reduction of the tolls within two years, since the tolls for goods traffic were lowered twice in 1937. The new rates have not been announced.

The Foreign Minister, M. Georges Bonnet, made an important statement on many aspects of foreign affairs at a meeting of the foreign affairs commission. It is stated that M. Bonnet expressed solid satisfaction with Mr. Chamberlain's speech at the London dinner. Dealing with the Sino-Japanese hostilities, M. Bonnet is reported to have made no effort to conceal his opinion that the interests and position of European countries in China were endangered.

Twenty years hard labour was the sentence passed on Wednesday on the wife of General Skobline, the Plewitskaja—as the outcome of the verdict of the jury following proceedings lasting nine days. The jury considered that sufficient evidence had been heard to prove that the Plewitskaja had been engaged in espionage work for the Soviet G.P.U. thus ending one of the most sensational trials in French history.

GERMANY

Germany is to construct a new 35,000-ton battleship as the next addition to the Reich Navy. The battleship Gneisenau which was recently completed, and the Scharnhorst which is still under construction have both a displacement of 26,000 tons so that the new ship will be the largest in the German navy.

The old Fascist Chamber met in Rome for the last time on Wednesday. It passed the Italian Race Law and the Bill creating a new "Fascist Co-Operative Chamber." This new Chamber will meet for the first time in March.

The "Star" in an editorial asserts that Mr. MacDonald's speech faced up to facts which would be worse than foolish to ignore. The speech was remarkable for its moral courage and common sense, the candour of which never comes amiss when inspired by the spirit of friendly co-operation, mutual help and earnest desire to avoid dangers which, unless clearly realised beforehand, might bring disaster.

ITALY

The increase of the armament's expenditure by 2.5 milliard lire provided for in the budget of 1939-40, which was approved, represents only the first part of the programme for intensifying Italian armaments. The total sum of ten milliard lire will be appropriated for this purpose and this special appropriation causes rejoicing in the Roman press. All papers see in it an unmistakable sign of the times.

The President of the Italian Airways Company, M. Ala Littoria has informed Signor Mussolini that the company will shortly open a regular air service between Italy and South America.

POLAND

The new Chinese Minister to Poland, Dr. Wang King-ky has arrived in Warsaw. He is no stranger in Europe having formerly served his country in a diplomatic capacity in Belgium and the Scandinavian countries.

RUMANIA

King Carol presided at a meeting on Wednesday of the Crown Council, summoned to discuss Germany's anti-Rumanian campaign and alleged Nazi support for the Iron Guard.

SOUTH AFRICA

Several Italians who were among the demonstrators were arrested following the disorders of December 8, and were sentenced to imprisonment and also fined by a court in Tunis.

Unofficial members passed a resolution in the Legislative Council of Northern Rhodesia yesterday opposing the return to Germany of African Mandated territories.

SWITZERLAND

The National Assembly of the Swiss Confederation elected Dr. Philipp Etter as President for the year 1939, the victorious candidate receiving 150 out of 210 votes. Federal Councillor Pilet was elected Vice-President and Federal Councillor Gazy was chosen as President of the Federal Court.

GUNBOATS MOVE ON YANGTZE

Shanghai, Dec. 15. After prolonged conversations yesterday between the Commanders-in-Chief of the British and Japanese naval forces, three British gunboats have left Hankow to proceed up the Yangtze to relieve those British gunboats now lying in the upper and middle Yangtze.

Twelve Germans, 15 British, and 14 other nationals from Kuling arrived here yesterday on board a Japanese cargo boat.—Transocean.

Japanese Are Doomed

FORMER G.O.C. ON CHINESE WAR

Singapore, Dec. 15. Major-General A. W. Bartholomew, who has just retired from the Army and relinquished his command of the British Troops in China, told pressmen when he passed through here that Marshal Chiang Kai-shek would continue to be the leader of the Chinese Government while the Japanese would never be able to conquer China.

The Japanese in China, according to Major-General Bartholomew, are in a difficult position because if the Chinese draw them further into the interior and towards the west, they will be unable to protect their lines of communication. They are, moreover, incapable of maintaining a large, permanent army in China. In addition, Chinese guerrillas are giving the Japanese troops a great deal of trouble.—Transocean.

GUERRILLAS CUT HIGHWAY

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southward along the Canton-Samsui Railway.

The Japanese at Mukmin, a point near Samsui, heavily shelled and machine-gunned the Chinese positions at Old Samsui, Chokong and others lying to the southwest of Maifong across the West River.—Central News.

LITHUANIA WILL NOT GIVE UP MEMEL

Kaunas, Dec. 15. It is understood in authoritative circles that the Lithuanian Government would be prepared to accept the German interpretation of the Memel Statute in order to stabilise the situation.

It will never agree, however, to the detachment of Memel from Lithuania.—Reuter.

JAPANESE EVACUATE KOWKONG

The Japanese have evacuated Kowkong, 24 miles southwest of Canton. They are said to have been dispatched to the West River area.

Indicative of an imminent fresh thrust up the West River, extensive Japanese military movements have been witnessed during the last few days, says Central News.

KWANGSI TOWN BOMBED

Kweilin, Dec. 15. A single Japanese plane bombed Chaoping, northwest of Wuchow on the west bank of the Kweliang (river) yesterday. It released eight missiles in the vicinity of Foshih, causing 14 civilian casualties and wrecking 20 houses.—Central News.

JEWISH IMMIGRATION STOPPED PENDING LONDON CONFERENCE

London, December 15. Announcing in the House of Commons yesterday that he was unable to agree with an immediate additional immigration to Palestine of 10,000 young Jews, Mr. Malcolm MacDonald stated that strong representations had been made by Arab quarters that immigration would be completely stopped pending the outcome of the Palestine conference.

The Government felt that to make any alteration in the existing rate of immigration now would prejudice one of the main subjects for discussion in London.

Mr. MacDonald declared that a considerable number of young German refugees were at present being admitted to Palestine under the existing arrangements.

Asked if he would reconsider the desirability of inviting the Mufti in view of the fact that the Mufti was regarded by the majority of Muslims in Palestine as their leader and prophet, Mr. MacDonald replied "No."

JEW'S BITTERNESS
A spokesman of the Jewish Agency declared to-day that messages had been received from all parts of the world urging reconsideration of the decision to participate at the forthcoming conference.

He ascribed this attitude to bitterness among Zionists at Mr. MacDonald's statement in Com-

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RACING NOTES

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Sen stable, who should definitely have a big say at the finish.

Lucky is in excellent form at present and has surpassed my wildest expectations as to the stable connections being able to make a race of him. This brown stallion is one of the most improved animals (in his own class) in training and should win this mile event.

This pony, I believe, is also over-height and will be racing for the last time at the Valley to-morrow. Rose Jane, based on her last running, should also be quite close.

Night View was moving very well on Wednesday morning and in view of the low weight should at least secure a place. National Defence was the medium of a mild plunge at the last meeting but I expect this grey will do no better this time as he appeared very scraggy to me two mornings ago. Harvest View is an unknown quantity as somehow I always miss him in the morning work-outs. However, his condition is reported as fair.

As regards Rose Queen, I have no comments—she is liable to come up any time—so if you have been following her lately, keep on doing so to-morrow.

QUEENSLAND AUTUMN CHAMPIONS

This should be a very interesting classic and for the convenience of readers I list below the probable acceptances:

Centre Court (S. W. Tang)
Courting Eve (H. C. Pih)
Lancashire Chips (B. A. Proulx)
Lucky Lad (V. V. Needa)
Snowy River (A. W. Raymond)
Strathroy (C. L. Gregory).

Courting Eve stands an excellent chance but there is no certainty of her winning. However, she will probably start favourite as this bay mare will be running at weight for inches again after a long sojourn amongst the heavy weights.

Lancashire Chips will also be in great demand and a worthy contender as this chestnut is well-known for giving every possible ounce under pressure. Strathroy, I am afraid, has not yet reached the form of past years and seems to lack his usual dash.

A good outsider to back is Lucky Lad in view of his good showing

in the St. Leger and the fact that Mr. Needa will be in the saddle. Snowy River is as fit as I ever recall this colt to be and may get placed. Other possible acceptances are Vixen Tor and Double Finewe.

DILATORY HANDICAP

This is the first leg of the Daily Double and though Double Chance will be penalized 7 lbs. for his recent win at Macao, it should not affect this run to any great extent, and if piloted by Mr. Raymond the combination will be prominent. Royal Highness has been in the limelight quite often of late and will be taken out by Mr. S. W. Lee, a promising novice, to-morrow. Perhaps the 5 lbs. allowance and the new jockey may help to make amends for past failures. Plain View should not be neglected as this black has been improving lately and I was very impressed with his gallop last Wednesday. Diogenes is another one that may do well.

I have not even seen Sylvandale on the course during the week and am wondering if this pony will be saddled at all. Tiny Star has come on in condition but not sufficiently to withstand the 155 lbs. allotted while I believe Five Rulers and Ebony Idol are slightly out of class and will probably find the distance a little trying.

SUB-GRIFFINS AUTUMN CHAMPIONS

To date I have only been able to obtain confirmation of five starters for the 1-1/4 mile event: Dekko (H. P. Chanson), National Guard (A. W. Raymond), Piet Hein (H. C. Pih), Salvage Master (B. L. Tao), Tribute (S. L. Yuen).

There is also a possibility of Fui Ying and The Leopard going to the post. Salvage Master will be the public favourite and should add another classic to his St. Leger win. Dekko did quite a good gallop recently and appears fit. This chestnut is a good racer and though I expect him to make a great fight of it, I believe he will eventually succumb to Salvage Master. Piet Hein should secure the remaining position but will have to watch Tribute. This iron grey is the most deceptive pony in training but if he decides to gallop with the rest and make a fight of it, one never can tell what he is capable of doing, even to the extent of beating the favourites.

LAST CHANCE HANDICAP

A close examination of the entries here has revealed, in my opinion, three candidates worth considering, viz: A Great Time, Discovery Bay and Violet Queen. Mr. Needa has the pick of the two first mentioned and whichever one he decides to take out will be near winning. In any event, both ponies are in fine fettle and should place, at the least. Violet Queen is the real danger and more attractive as the distance, one mile, should suit this black mare admirably. The two light weights, Strathroy and Roofly, are worth following as outsiders, with my fancy more in favour of Roofly, as the other is liable to run himself out over the first three quarters of the mile. This event is the second leg of the Daily Double.

FINALE HANDICAP

The last race of the day is for "E" Class ponies and Easy Time and Warming should fight out the finish between them. I prefer the chances of the latter. "Tabby Cat" may upset here and Skymie has an outside chance, though this small brown may feel the after-effects of the two outings at Macao last Sunday. This event should prove to be a good betting race and a fitting finale to a year of well organized and successful racing.

Final selections for the meeting will be published to-morrow morning.

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London—Paul Rubens
12-12.20 p.m. Relay of a Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.
12.30 p.m. Welsh and Barker (Duetists).
Don't Forget (Shapiro); Ding Dong, Ping Pong (Dundas); Daisy, Tessie and Mabel (Walsh)—with Piano.
12.40 p.m. Roy Fox and His Orchestra.

Can I Forget You—Fox-Trot (film 'High, Wide and Handsome'); The Folks Who Live On The Hill—Fox-Trot (film 'High, Wide and Handsome'); When The Sun Says "Goodnight" To The Mountain—Fox-Trot; I'll Sing You A Thousand Love Songs—Fox-Trot (film 'Cain and Mabel'); Alexander's Ragtime Band (Berlin); The Japanese Sandman (Egan, Whiting)—with vocal refrain.
1 p.m. Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 p.m. Mozart—Symphony In D Major ("Frague").
Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Erich Kleiber.
1.30 p.m. Reuters and Rugby Press. Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.40 p.m. 'Elsie and Doris', The Street Singer, Robinson Cleaver, and 'Fats' Waller and His Rhythm.

Vocal—When The Poppies Bloom Again (Morrow-Pelosi)—The Street Singer with Instrumental Accompaniment; Organ—Musical Sweethearts—H. Robinson Cleaver at the Organ of the Union Cinemas "Regal" Bexley Heath; Comedienne—Gert and Daisy Make A Christmas Pudding (E. and D. Waters)—Elsie and Doris Waters; Dance Orch.—Lost Love—Fox-Trot; Don't You Know Or Don't You Care—Fox-Trot—"Fats" Waller and His Rhythm with vocal refrain; Vocal—Lovely To Look At (from 'Roberta'); Love Me Forever (film 'On Wings of Song')—The Street Singer with Violin, Accordion and Celeste Accompany—Organ—Medley—Robinson Cleaver at the Organ of the Regal Cinema, Bexley Heath.
2.15 p.m. Close down.

6 p.m. Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel.
(a) This is my night to dream; (b) A-Tasket, A-Tasket; (c) My heart is taking lessons; (d) Darktown Strutter's Ball.

6.14 p.m. Record; Arabia—Danza (Gyanguren); Andaluia (Gyanguren)—Julio Martinez Gyanguren (Guitar).

6.21 p.m. (a) This time its real; (b) My Bonnie Lies over the Ocean; (c) Hawaii Calls; (d) On! Boom.

6.35 p.m. Records: Rose Dreams (S. and P.); Swanee Moon (Towers and Pelosi)—George Elliott's Hawaiian Novelty Quartet with vocal chorus; I've Got Two Lips—Quickstep—Gerry Moore (Piano).

6.44 p.m. (a) My Own; (b) That foolish feeling; (c) You're as pretty as a picture; (d) A Rhythm Excursion.

7 p.m. Closing local Stock Quotations.

7.02 p.m. Musical Comedy Selections.

"Love, Life and Laughter"—Selection—New Mayfair Orchestra; "Wild Violets"—Vocal Gems (Stolz)—Maria Elener and Martin Kraemer of The State Opera, Dresden, with Chorus and Orchestra; Noel Coward Medley—The B.B.C. Dance Orchestra, directed by Henry Hall, with vocal chorus; "Queen of Hearts"—Selection—"It's Love Again"—Selection—Sydney Kyte and His Piccadilly Hotel Band, with vocal chorus; "The Cat and The Fiddle"—Vocal Gems (Harbach and Kern)—Light Opera Company with Orch.; "Head Over Heels"—Selection (Gordon and Revel)—Louis Levy and His Gaumont-British Symphony with vocal refrain.

7.35 p.m. London Relay—Mr. Gillie Potter.

7.50 p.m. Ambrose and His Orchestra.

Free—Fox-Trot; Take My Heart—Fox-Trot—with vocal refrain; Two Hearts in Cuba—Rumba.

8 p.m. Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m. Don Cossack Choir.
The Epic of Serge Jaroff's Don Cossack Choir (Prof. Schwedoff); The Song of the Terek Cossacks (Jaroff)—conducted by Serge Jaroff; Russian Folk Song (arr. Jaroff)—conducted by Serge Jaroff.

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H.K. Time

10.00—Broadcast to Schools—"Stories from World History" by Dr. G.S. Plant (A).

10.20—Wheat and Grain Reports (A).

10.40—"At Home and Abroad" (A).

11.10—Luncheon Music (A).

11.30—Australian Sports and Musical Programme (A).

1.00—Broadcast to Schools—"Adventures in Music" by Lindley Evans (A).

2.20—"Tiny Tots" Session (A).

4.00—"Empire Exchange" (D).

4.15—"Theatre Composers: Paul Rubens, the Man and his Music" (D).

4.45—Sporting News and Notes (A).

5.25—Commentary On News (A).

5.40—"The Future of Australian Farming" by Professor S.M. Wadham (A).

5.50—News (D).

6.00—Friday Specials in Rhythm—Jim Davidson's A.B.C. Dance Band (A).

6.30—Evening Musical Programme (A).

6.45—"Empire Gazette" (D).

7.15—"The Avalon Quartet" (D).

7.35—"Mr. Gillie Potter" (D).

7.50—Organ Recital by Reginald West (D).

8.15—Dance Music by George Elrick and his Music Makers (D).

9.00—"Food for Thought" (D).

9.20—News Brevities (A).

9.30—News (D).

10.00—"Theatre Composers: Paul Rubens, the Man and his Music" (D).

11.00—"Sing-Song" with the BBC Variety Orchestra (D).

12.00—News (D).

DI—Daventry, Trans. I
DII—Daventry, Trans. II
DIII—Daventry, Trans. III
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Jaroff: Monotonously Rings The Little Bell (Russian Folk Song—arr. Jaroff); Song of the Volga Boatmen (Russian Folk Song—arr. Jaroff)—conducted by Serge Jaroff.

8.20 p.m. Studio—Lya Gurevitch (Piano) playing Moussorgsky's "Pictures at an Exhibition".
8.45 p.m. Orchestral compositions of Moussorgsky.
Gopak (from "The Fair At Sorochinsk")—London Symphony Orchestra cond. by Albert Coates; Night On The Bare Mountain—London Symphony Orchestra cond. by Albert Coates; Serenade—Reginald Foot at the B.B.C. Theatre Organ with Alfredo Campoli (Violin).

9 p.m. London Relay—"Food for Thought".
Three short talks on matters of topical interest.
9.20 p.m. Next week's programme.
9.30 p.m. London Relay—The News.
9.50 p.m. Songs by Richard Crooks (Tenor).
Macushla (Rowe-Macmurray); Too Late To-morrow (Langenberg); Tell Me To-night (from the film)—with Orchestra.
10 p.m. London Relay—Theatre Composers—Paul Rubens.
The Man and his Music: A programme arranged by M. Willson Disher. Music selected and programme produced by Mark H. Lubbock and Gwen Williams; The B.B.C. Theatre Chorus and The B.B.C. Theatre Orchestra; Leader, Tate Gilder; Conducted by Harold Lowe.
11 p.m. Close down.

SERVICE NEWS

ROYAL NAVY

TRIBAL DESTROYERS

H.M.S. Maori was completed on Nov. 30 at the works of the Fairfield Shipbuilding Company, Govan. She will be commissioned by Commander G. N. Brewer, late of the cruiser Southampton, for service in the 1st Tribal Flotilla in the Mediterranean.

This makes a total of seven vessels of the new tribal class in service, of which five, the Afridi, Cossack, Mohawk, Sikh, and Zulu, are already serving in the Mediterranean. The Gurkha was delivered in October and will leave for her station shortly, and the flotilla will be completed this month with the arrival at Portsmouth of the Nubian from the Thornycroft works at Southampton.

COMMANDER W. J. TONKIN
On attaining the age limit of 45, Lieutenant-Commander W. J. Tonkin has been placed on the retired list with the rank of commander.

COMMAND OF THE HYPERION
Commander H. St. L. Nicolson has been appointed to command the Hyperion in the 2nd Destroyer Flotilla, Mediterranean, in succession to Commander I. M. R. Campbell.

ROYAL AIR FORCE

FENCING COMPETITION FOR NOVICES

The fencing competition for novices will be held at the R.A.F. School of Physical Training, Uxbridge, on December 19 and 20. The competition will be for all weapons—foil, epee, sabre, and bayonet—but no one competitor may enter for more than two weapons.

All officers and airmen are eligible to compete except previous winners in the competition or at the Royal Tournament, bronze medalists and winners of command tournaments (except members of bayonet team combats), the staff of the R.A.F. School of physical training, or fencing "blues".

R.A.F. CADETS' DAY IN LONDON

Lord Wakefield, the great benefactor of Toc H, who has also done so much to encourage the youth of the country to take an interest in flying, recently entertained some of those who are interested in both these activities.

Eight cadets hold Wakefield scholarships at the R.A.F. College, Cranwell, and every year Lord Wakefield entertains them at Talbot House, near the Tower of London, and gives them the opportunity to meet some distinguished soldiers and airmen.

They joined in the celebrations which accompanied the inspection of the extensions to the Toc H building. The guests were greeted by the Rev. P. B. (Tubbie) Clayton, Founder Padre of Toc H, who showed them the Roman Wall which stands at the western side of the recently opened basement.

Among those present were:—Field-Marshal Sir Claud Jacob (Constable of the Tower), Lieutenant-Colonel W. F. O. Faviell (Major of the Tower), Field-Marshal Lord Cavan, General Sir Charles Harrington, Lord Somers, Sir James Crerar, Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir Edward Ellington, Air Vice-Marshal P. C. Maltby, Admiral Sir Geoffrey Blake, Sir Hamilton Benn, Lieutenant-General Sir Reginald May, Sir Kenneth Harper, Sir Fraser Russell, Sir William Brass, M.P., Sir Howard Button, and Captain G. E. T. Eyston.

DASH FROM H.K. TO SEE AILING MOTHER

London, Dec. 15
The considerate action of the War Office in ordering the special release of Corporal John Walker of Hongkong, has brought joy to his mother who is on the danger list at St. Leonard's Hospital.

It was the mother's constant calls for her only son that induced Mr. E. Thurtle, Labour member for Shoreham, to intervene with the War Office, who telegraphed instructions that Corporal Walker's leave was to be advanced to enable him to hurry home.

The troopship Dorchester had sailed the previous day, but Walker caught the Guisness and reached Southampton last night, a day ahead of the Dorchester.

His mother has been markedly improved since hearing that her son was returning, and she was better still when informed that John had arrived and would visit her to-day—Reuter.

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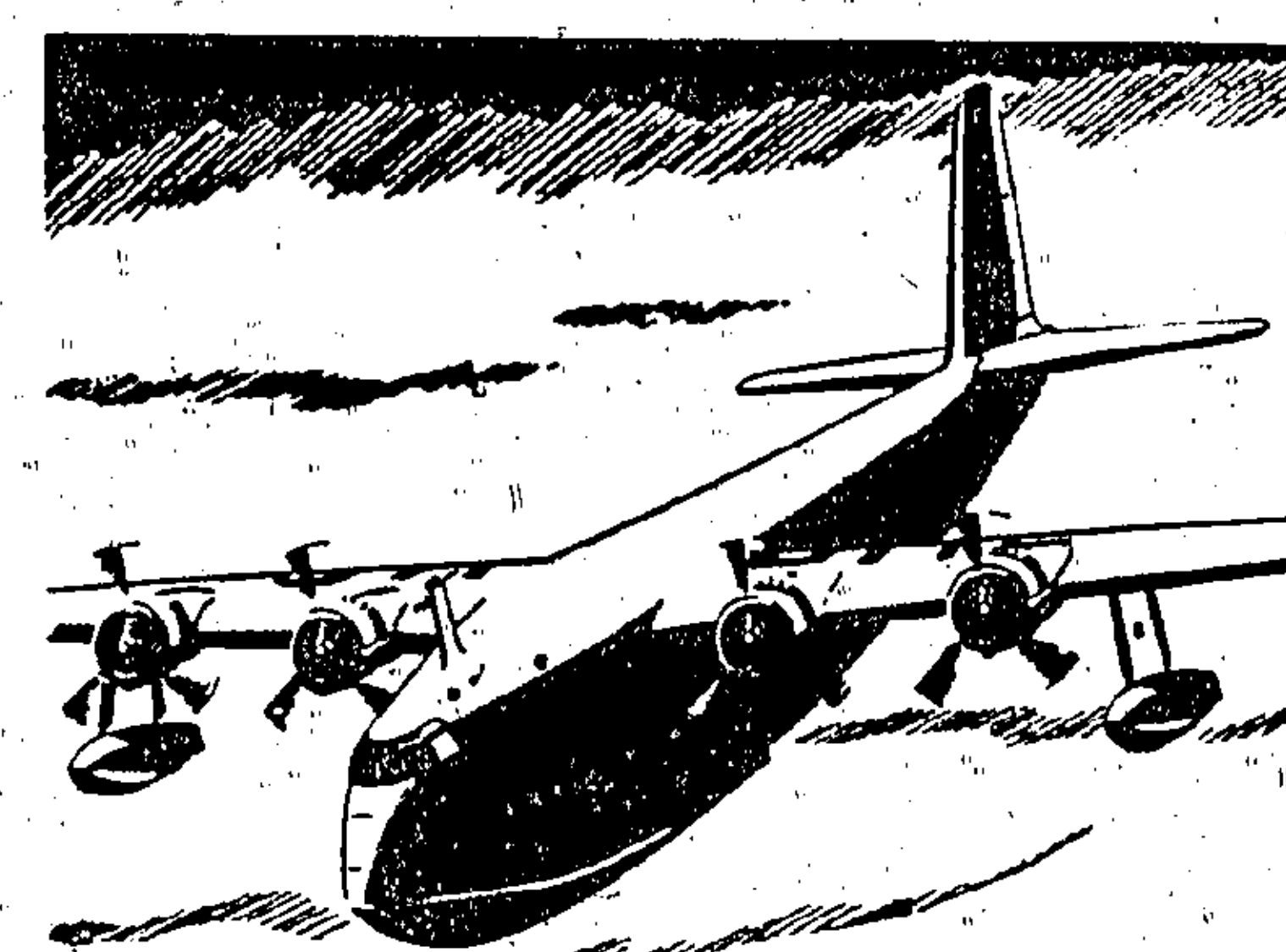
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Finance and Commerce

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DURING HOSTILITIES

Efforts Of Chinese Government

Measures to promote financial development since the outbreak of the Sino-Japanese hostilities were reviewed by a spokesman of the Ministry of Finance in a press interview yesterday. The spokesman said that three commissions in charge of the readjustment of trade, agriculture and industry and mining have been organised.

The Trade Readjustment Commission, re-named the Trade Commission, is under the Ministry of Finance. Its principal function is to promote the marketing abroad of native goods such as tea from Hunan, Anhwei, Chekiang and Kiangsi, raw silk from Kiangsu, Chekiang and Szechuen, bristles and furs from Szechuen and Hupeh, and tung oil from

Szechuen, Hunan and Hupeh. It provides transport facilities for such goods so that their exportation may not be inconvenienced by the war.

The Agricultural Adjustment Commission under the Ministry of Economics has done remarkable work in agricultural development in collaboration with the Bureau of Agricultural and Forestry and the Agricultural Experimental Station. The Bureau is mainly responsible for the extension of credit loans for agricultural development, while the Station renders technical help to the farmers.

HELP FOR FACTORIES

The Industrial and Mining Readjustment Commission, also under the Ministry of Economics, is co-operating with the National Resources Commission in the promotion of government and private enterprises. The former mainly helps factories in the war areas to move to the rear and continue operation, while the latter undertakes development of government industries, such as mining and electrical engineering.

According to the spokesman, \$60,000,000 was appropriated by the Ministry of Finance for the establishment of these three commissions. Of this amount, \$20,000,000 was for the Trade Commission, \$30,000,000 for the Agricultural Readjustment Commission and \$10,000,000 for the Industrial and Mining Readjustment Commission.

In addition, the Ministry allotted \$10,000,000 to the Central Trust for war insurance.

DISCOUNTS AND CREDITS

As a further government effort for economic and financial development, the spokesman revealed, a Discount and Credit Commission has been organised jointly by the four government banks, namely, the Central Bank, the Bank of China, the Bank of Communications and the Farmers Bank. The Commission guarantees and discounts commercial bills and notes, accept mortgages and extends loans in order to facilitate the circulation of capital. All branch offices of the four banks act as agents for the Commission.

In view of the Chinese westward move since the beginning of hostilities, the four government banks have established many branches in the interior to help the development of commerce and industry. As a result, many prosperous towns and business centres have sprung up in what formerly were secluded parts. In the interior, the spokesman stated.—Central News

FINANCIAL AID FOR CHINA

London Studying Situation

London, Dec. 15.

The British Government is considering the possibility of granting financial aid to China in order to counteract the Japanese economic drive.

This information was published in the "Financial Times" this morning on the authority of its lobby correspondent, who adds that the British move is contemplated as an answer to Japan's abrogation of the Open Door policy and Nine-Power Treaty.

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replied in the negative when asked in the House of Commons yesterday if he had been officially informed of future Japanese intentions as to foreign capital investments in China in all enterprises considered essential to defence and economically necessary to Japan.—Reuter.

EXCHANGE DISCREPANCY

London, Dec. 15.

Sir John Haslam asked Mr. Butler in the House of Commons yesterday whether he was aware that exporters of soy beans from Manchuria had to pay 14 pence to one yen to the Japanese authorities in order to secure exchange, whereas the Japanese Mitsui combine had sold exchange at a much lower rate, and whether he would direct the attention of the Japanese Government to this discrepancy.

Mr. Butler replied that he had no report on the subject, but would make inquiries.

Sir John also asked whether the Japanese authorities at Tsingtao had placed an embargo on the export of cotton yarns. Mr. Butler said that the embargo on export of cotton and not specifically cotton yarn from Tsingtao was promulgated by the Japanese on December 6, and the matter was now being considered by His Majesty's Government.—Reuter.

EXCELLENT TEA EXPORTS

An aggregate of 200,000 cases of tea has been exported from Hongkong by the Fu Hwa Trading Company an affiliate of the Foreign Trade Readjustment Commission of the Ministry of Finance, since measures were adopted for the restriction of imports and exports with a view to regulating China's foreign trade balance.

Agents of the government trading company have been buying up tea from Chekiang, Anhwei and Kiangsi, at \$130 per case for first grade "Chen Mei" green tea, at \$100 to \$120 per case for inferior grades. "Chow Mei" green tea being bought up at \$90, and "Chen Mei" at from \$50 to \$60 per case.



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JAPAN EXPORTS LESS COTTON TEXTILES

Export sales of Japanese cotton piece goods decreased by more than one-fifth in volume and about one-third in value, during the first 11 months this year as compared to the corresponding months of 1937, according to figures released by the Federation of Cotton Manufacturers of Japan.

A total of 1,878,727,000 square yards valued at Yen 352,234,000 were shipped abroad of which 1,584,867,000 square yards valued at Yen 276,765,000 went to foreign markets other than the "yen bloc" countries, the announcement said. The volume of overseas shipments during the January-November period fell by 526,685,000 square yards as compared to last year. Of this quantity 486,487,000 square yards went to "non-yen-bloc" countries, resulting in a drop of 21.8 per cent.

The decrease in valuation this year was Yen 172,900,000, of which Yen 162,116,000 were exports, to places outside the yen bloc or 32.9 per cent. less than last year.

LORD RUNCIMAN'S SON TO HEAD NEW AIR COMBINE

An invitation extended to Mr. W. L. Runciman, elder son of Viscount Runciman, by the directors of Imperial Airways and British Airways to "associate himself with their work" has attracted considerable attention in the London press.

"The Times" says it is believed to be the first step towards bringing Mr. Runciman forward with a view to his appointment to the chief executive position in the public corporation which is to take over the two principal air transport companies under Parliamentary authority.

Mr. Runciman has accepted the invitation to start duties on December 1.

BRITISH TRADE OVERSEAS

London, Dec. 15.

Overseas trade returns for November show imports valued at £78,028,496, against £79,034,858 in the preceding month and £97,268,371 in November last year.

Exports, at £42,923,223, compare with £47,559,996 in October and £45,163,169 in November 1937. Corresponding figures for re-exports were £5,113,912 for November, £5,445,983 for October and £5,305,646 for November 1937.—British Wireless

RESERVE BANK OF INDIA STATEMENT

Calcutta, Dec. 14.

Notes in circulation (including Notes held in the Banking Department) 20,877 20,846
Rupee Coin and Bullion in India 7,116 7,036
Gold Coin and Bullion in India 4,154 4,154
Securities (Indian Government) 3,235 3,235
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(Figures in lakhs of Rupees)

Philippine Mining News

AMBASSADOR GOLD Mining Company failed to make a definite proposal to Mr. William Anderson, Sr., regarding the payment of its indebtedness before December 3, the time limit set by him. The Board of Directors met on December 2 and 3 but failed to arrive on a definite plan of settling its obligation.

Mr. Anderson foreclosed the buildings, mills, and furniture of the company on October 14 as a result of its failure to pay him. Its obligation of Pesos 509.44 for which these properties were mortgaged. In addition to this amount, the company is also indebted to him for advances he made on the mills amounting to about Pesos 12,000.

Mr. Anderson said that in consideration of the many stockholders who invested about Pesos 700,000, he may yet welcome further negotiations with the Board of Directors of the company until January 3.

He said that he knew of an American investor who proposed to put in Pesos 50,000, provided the present stockholders will also put in Pesos 170,000. It is believed

that with this amount the company could operate on a profitable basis, as it would be able to buy a cyanide mill in addition to the ball mill which was formerly operated.

I.X.L. MINING Company produced Pesos 258,378.52 in November from the treatment of 11,400 tons of ore. The total November output of the three Soriano producers, Antamok, I.X.L. and Masbate, was Pesos 853,457.81 from the treatment of 101,912 tons of ore.

MINDANAO MOTHER Lode produced Pesos 140,891.60 during November.

BAGUIO GOLD mined 3,391 tons of ore in November, from which Pesos 158,486.66 was produced.

PRUDENTIAL MINING Company reported that a total of 133 feet of development work during the month of November was advanced. In Tunnel No. 2 an advance of 28 feet was made. Since Tunnel M. D. advanced by 55 feet. Surveying both underground and on the surface is being undertaken to plot fixed location points and for the assay map.

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 Watsons, \$7.30.
 Dairy Farms, \$24.
 Demonstrations, \$27 cts.
 Hogens, \$21 cts.
 Ropes, \$41.

Sellers

Lands, \$36.
 Trams, \$17.20.
 Hotels, \$6.80.
 Dairy Farms, \$24.80.
 Sales
 H.K. Docks (Old), \$18.
 Trams, \$17.10.

SINGAPORE STOCK QUOTATIONS

The following quotations of 12
 leading Singapore stocks have been
 received by Messrs. Ellis & Edgar
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 Singapore.
 December 9.

MIDDLE PRICE

Rubber Shares

Amalgamated Malay Estate, Ltd.,

\$1.87 1/2.

Kempas, Limited, \$1.85.

Kuala Sidim Rubber Co., Ltd., \$2.15.

Pajam, Limited, \$1.87 1/2 c.d.

Sungei Bagan Rubber Estate, Ltd.,

\$1.40.

Tengah Rubber Estate, Ltd., \$1.82 1/2.

Tin Shares

Petaling Tin, Ltd., \$7.00.

Sungei Luas Tin Dredging, Ltd.,

\$1.57 1/2.

Industrials

Straits Trading Co., Ltd., \$28.00.

United Engineers, Ltd. (Ordinary),

\$8.47 1/2.

Wearne Brothers, Ltd., \$14.50 c.d.

10 per cent.

Gold

Raub Australian Gold Mining Co.,

Ltd., 47 1/2 x.d.

Note:—The above quotations are in

Straits Dollars.

LONDON METALS EXCHANGE

London, Dec. 14.

COPPER

buyers sellers

Standard, Cash 43 43-1/16

Standard, 3 months 43-1/4 43-5/16

Electrolytic 48-1/2 49-1/2

TIN

Standard, Cash 214 214-1/4

Standard, 3 months 215 215-1/4

LEAD

Foreign, Official Price 14-5/8 14-11/16

Foreign, Official 3 months 14-13/16 14-7/8

SPELTHER

Ordinary, Official Price 13-5/8 13-3/4

Ordinary, Official 3 months 13-7/8 13-15/16

Final Afternoon Transactions

Tin, Standard, Cash, \$214-1/4

sellers.

Tin, Standard, 3 months, \$215-

1/2 paid and sellers.

—Reuter.

MALARIA SCOURGE ON MADAGASCAR

It was Bernardin de Saint-Pierre, the precursor of romanticism in France, who, in his famous novel "Paul and Virginia," was the first to draw attention to Madagascar, the beautiful island of the Indian Ocean. This island, which is the fourth largest in area, was discovered in 1506 by the Portuguese Fernando Soares. Some people attribute this discovery to Antao Goncalves. Before that epoch, "Nossi Ndambo," Wild Boars' Island, as it was called by the natives, had already been visited by Arabs who gave it the name of "The Manal Country." Madagascar is a magnificent island and travellers who have visited it are tireless in praising the beauty of this country. Everything is there: mountains covered with snow, lofty table-lands with a healthy climate, marshes of treacherous beauty, swiftly flowing rivers impossible to navigate, virgin forests, with a fauna that differs in many points from that of other continents.

Amongst the characteristic animals of Madagascar, we would mention the lemurs. There is also a remarkable carnivorous animal, the fossa, that is only to

be met with in this island. Some of the butterflies that have magnificent colours have a wingspread of 18 centimetres; there are thousands that attain to a length of 20 centimetres. There are also many species of bats.

EUROPEANS DIE

But, in common with many other countries, Madagascar possesses the malaria mosquito which is able to multiply abundantly in the marshes of the island. Malarial fevers render those regions very unhealthy and many Europeans have succumbed there.

The traveller who now visits these countries immunises himself against this malady by means of quinine. According to the results obtained by the Malaria Commission of the League of Nations, it is only necessary to take six grains of quinine, per day throughout the fever season to be immune from the malady. For treatment, 15 to 20 grains of quinine must be taken daily for from five to seven days.

Tourists can therefore now enjoy the beauties of this picturesque region in confidence, without any fear of taking malaria away with them as an unpleasant souvenir.

MEALS AS PART OF WAGES

Deductions Held To Be Legal

By a majority the Court of Appeal recently allowed the appeal by Cook, Son and Co. (St. Paul's) Ltd. from the decision of Mr. Justice Wrottesley, in the King's Bench Division, that they had made deductions from the wages of Arthur Pratt, formerly employed by them as a packer, contrary to the provisions of the Truck Act of 1831.

Lord Justice Slesser, who heard arguments with Lord Justices Finlay and Goddard, announced that the majority of the court were in favour of allowing the appeal. Their reasons, he said, would be given later.

Mr. Pratt's case was that 10s a week had been deducted from his wages for dinner and tea from March, 1920, to December, 1935. He claimed £397 10s. from Cook, Son and Co.

CLAIM FOR £397

It was stated that the Truck Act provides that in any contract between an employer and a manual worker wages must be paid in coin of the realm and not otherwise, and if any wages are paid otherwise than in that way the contract is void.

Cook, Son and Co. denied that Mr. Pratt was engaged in manual labour. They also pleaded the Statutes of Limitation.

Mr. Justice Wrottesley had held that Pratt was engaged in manual labour and so entitled to the protection of the Truck Act. He gave judgment for the amount claimed.

Sir William Jowitt, K.C., and Mr. G. O. Slade appeared for Cook, Son and Co., and Mr. H. J. Wallington, K.C., and Mr. Melford Stevenson for Mr. Pratt.

FURTHER FUNDS FOR RELIEF

The following further contributions to the British Fund for Relief of Distress in China (Hongkong Branch) have been received:—

Previously acknowledged \$231,919.15; Fan Hing Christian Assoc., \$32.53; The Hoy Ping Commercial Assoc., \$100; Lau Mi Sing, \$50;

Choy Wai Tang, \$57.40; The Yan Ping Merchant & Workmen Association, \$100; Katie A. in memory of Mrs. Lo Cheung Ip, \$2; The Dairy Farm Ice & Cold Storage Co., Ltd., \$2,000; Mrs. J. Stapler, \$50;

Pur Bo Tai, \$20; W. M. Gittins, \$15; H.K. Buddhist Fund for Relief of Refugees, \$500; Mrs. Li Ko Shi, \$100; C. L. Li, \$100; Dr. and Mrs. Strahan, \$200; China Light & Power Co., Ltd., \$1,000; The Committee of the Pig and Pork dealers and members of the Sau Yee Tong, \$200; Mrs. Elsie L. Dunbar and Mr. Chui Wai Sun, \$250; The Shun Tack Commercial Association, \$100; The Ho Cheong Yuen Tong Employees, \$28.60; The combined office and Agency staffs of the Manufacturers Life Insurance Co., \$75; Lau Ching Han, \$50; Yung Park Yee, \$10; Mrs. Chee Kam Oi, \$10; The Pei Ho Theatre, \$168; Chan Shu Hing, \$100; Lau Ping Chai, \$100; Chinese Bankers of Hongkong, \$61,000. Total: \$268,333.68.

—Reuter.

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 Hilo, Los Angeles, Mexico, & Balboa to Valparaiso.

* TATUNO MARU (from Kobe) 27th Dec.

* HIRYO MARU 13th Jan.

LONDON, MARSEILLES, NAPLES via Suez.

SUWA MARU 17th Dec.

TERUKUNI MARU 30th Dec.

SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila, Davao, Thursday Island, Brisbane.

ATUTA MARU 24th Dec.

KITANO MARU 26th Jan.

BOMBAY via Singapore & Colombo.

* BRITISH MONARCH 27th Dec.

* HAKODATE MARU 10th Jan.

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Haruna Maru, Japanese, 6,311 reg. tons, Captain M. Watanabe, from London and Straits, at buoy No. A7, a.m.—N.Y.K. (Tel. 30291).
 Kiangchow, British, 1,546 reg. tons, Captain J. Hodgkiss, from Haiphong, Pakhoi and Hoihow, at buoy No. B7, a.m.—B. and S. (Tel. 30331).
 Nozima Maru, Japanese, from Manila, at buoy No. A5, a.m.—N.Y.K. (Tel. 30291).
 Suwa Maru, Japanese, 6,637 reg. tons, Captain M. Mishima, from Japan, Shanghai and Keelung, at buoy No. A9, a.m.—N.Y.K. (Tel. 30291).

ARRIVED YESTERDAY

Hermes, Norwegian, 540 reg. tons, Capt. S. A. Ellissen, from Hongkong, at Yaumatei—Doddwell & Co. (Tel. 28021).
 Scharnhorst, German, 10,712 reg. tons, Captain J. Angeles, from Japan and Shanghai, at Kowloon Wharf—Melchers & Co. (Tel. 27772).
 Empress of Russia, British, 3,789 reg. tons, Captain J. F. Patrick, from Vancouver via Japan and Shanghai, at Kowloon Wharf—C. P. S. (Tel. 20752).
 Kut Sang, British, 3,652 reg. tons, Captain D. R. Kilbee, from Calcutta and Straits, at Kowloon Wharf—J. M. and Co. (Tel. 30211).
 Seistan, British, 1,571 reg. tons, Captain W. B. Patey, from Swatow, at Douglas Wharf—Douglas & Co. (Tel. 28037).
 Analock, British, from Shanghai, at buoy No. A12—N.Y.K. (Tel. 30291).

SHIPS IN HARBOUR

Kowloon Wharf—Kut Sang, Douglas Wharf—Seistan, Salkong Wharf—Wing Wah, Kowloon Bay—Willy, Stonecutters—Gustav Diederichsen.

Yaumatei—Apooey and Hermes, Shum Shui Po—Shun Chih.

DOCKS

Talkoo—Centaur, Kaying and Sinking.

Kowloon—Woolgar.

BUOYS

No. A 1—Tai Sang.
 No. A 2—Talamba.
 No. A 3—Cremor.
 No. B 3—Soochow.
 No. B 5—Hang Sang.
 No. B 8—Gran.
 No. B 11—Lyeemoon.
 No. B 14—Munnam.
 No. B 18—Shantung.
 No. B 21—Kiangsu.
 No. B 22—Hin Sang.

NELLORE SAILS

It was revealed yesterday that the E. and A. liner Nellore, which it had at first been reported, had been tied up at Sydney through the refusal of Australian waterside workers to work cargo which they alleged was bound for Japan, had, after all, sailed for Hongkong. This information reached the Colony by cable.

DUE TO-MORROW

Silversandal, British, 3,693 reg. tons, Captain J. H. Leask, from New York and Shanghai, at buoy No. A2, noon—Furness (Far East) Ltd. (Tel. 23165).
 Hellos, Norwegian, 1,113 reg. tons, Capt. Hansen, from Bangkok and Swatow, at buoy No. B2, a.m.—Thoresen & Co. (Tel. 30237).
 Kiangtung, British, 1,572 reg. tons, Captain J. R. Nisbet, from Shanghai and Swatow, at buoy No. B2, a.m.—B. and S. (Tel. 30331).
 Pres. Coolidge, American, 12,935 reg. tons, Capt. K. A. Ahlin, from Manila, at Kowloon Wharf, a.m.—American President Lines, Limited (Tel. 28171).
 Arcamemion, British, 4,582 reg. tons, Captain J. Connor, from London and Singapore, at Holt's Wharf, a.m.—B. and S. (Tel. 30331).

SAILING TO-MORROW

Suwa Maru, Japanese, 6,637 reg. tons, Captain M. Mishima, from buoy No. A9, for Singapore, London, Marseilles via Naples, a.m.—N.Y.K. (Tel. 30291).
 Talamba, British, 3,844 reg. tons, Captain H. M. McDonald, from buoy No. A2, for Singapore, Penang, Port Swettenham, Rangoon and Calcutta, 10.30 a.m.—M. M. & Co. (Tel. 27721).
 Kut Sang, British, 3,652 reg. tons, Captain D. R. Kilbee, from Kowloon Wharf, for Kobe and Osaka, 9 a.m.—J. M. & Co. (Tel. 30311).
 Soochow, British, 1,594 reg. tons, Captain J. Whyte, from buoy No. B3, for Amoy and Shanghai, 5 p.m.—B. and S. (Tel. 30331).
 Lyeemoon, British, 1,734 reg. tons, Captain W. J. Freer, from buoy No. B11, for Saigon, 6 p.m.—Wo Fat Sing (Tel. 20005).
 Cremor, Dutch, 2,785 reg. tons, Captain Ahlers, from buoy No. A8, for Amoy, p.m.—J. C. J. Line (Tel. 28015).
 Gustav Diederichsen, Danish, 1,353 reg. tons, Capt. F. Thaysen, from Stonecutters, for Shanghai, a.m.—Jessen & Co. (Tel. 31205).

IN WIRELESS TOUCH

The following vessels were in communication with Hongkong up to 6 p.m. yesterday and communication with them can reasonably be expected to-day—

Szechuen, Seistan, Wo Sang, Norviken, Changon, Haruna Maru, Kiangsu, Tai Sang, Kinyuan, Yunnan, Shantung, Yu Sang, Empress of Russia, Mul-Hock, Hai Ching, Rajputana, Kulmerland, Scharnhorst, Hellos, Hin Sang, Lyeemoon, Storviken, Henry Keswick, Kut Sang, Boston Maru, Leana, Hoihow, Pramauguet, Analock, Hai Yang, Hong Khens, Hector, Conte Biancamano, Gov. Wright, Nojima Maru, Rhein, Canton Maru, Carthage, Empress of Canada, Suwa Maru and Taiyuan.

SAILING TO-DAY

Seistan, British, 1,571 reg. tons, Captain W. B. Patey, from Douglas Wharf, for Swatow, Amoy and Focchow, 4 p.m.—Douglas & Co. (Tel. 28037).

Shantung, British, 1,568 reg. tons, Captain C. Stringer, from buoy No. B10, for Swatow and Shanghai, 11 a.m.—B. and S. (Tel. 30331).

Hang Sang, British, 1,356 reg. tons, Captain F. Webster, from buoy No. B5, for Swatow and Shanghai, 10 a.m.—J. M. and Co. (Tel. 30311).

Kiangsu, British, 1,555 reg. tons, Captain L. V. Relster, from buoy No. B2, for K. C. Wan, Hoihow and Haiphong, 10 a.m.—B. and S. (Tel. 30331).

F. Sang, British, 2,055 reg. tons, Captain S. Schofield, from buoy No. B8, for Haiphong, noon—J. M. & Co. (Tel. 30311).

Munnam, Danish, 1,739 reg. tons, Captain L. V. Relster, from buoy No. B14, for Hoihow and Singapore, 1 p.m.—B. and S. (Tel. 30331).

Haruna Maru, Japanese, 6,311 reg. tons, Captain M. Watanabe, from buoy No. A2, for Keelung, Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama, 5 p.m.—N.Y.K. (Tel. 30291).

Nozima Maru, Japanese, from buoy No. A2, for New York via Panama, p.m.—N.Y.K. (Tel. 30291).

Wing Wah, Portuguese, 551 reg. tons, Captain J. Teixeira, from Salkong Wharf, for K. C. Wan, 4 p.m.—Tai Fung & Co. (Tel. 20093).

SAILED YESTERDAY

Cheklong for Swatow
 Scharnhorst for Manila.
 Analock for Singapore.
 Chak Sang for Swatow.
 Timegara for Amoy.
 Wing Wo for K. C. Wan.
 Kulmerland for Manila.
 Empress of Russia for Manila.
 Fusijama for Shanghai.

UNCLAIMED TELEGRAMS

The following unclaimed telegrams are lying at the offices of Cable & Wireless, Ltd.
 South China Trading Company, Queen's Road, Hongkong; Wilson Aramis; Tongann, Cecil Hotel; Tonkin; Raiturcom; Arthur Ling; Raymondchan Dahchenco; Themido Vera, passenger Canton Peninsula Oriental Steamship Co.; Emphotel; Esy, Gloucester Hotel; Dalenki, York Road, 7, Kowloon Tong; Elnan; Magasin Luongkong Touhsang Shuntun, 160, Rue Wangdiao Hinglystoe.

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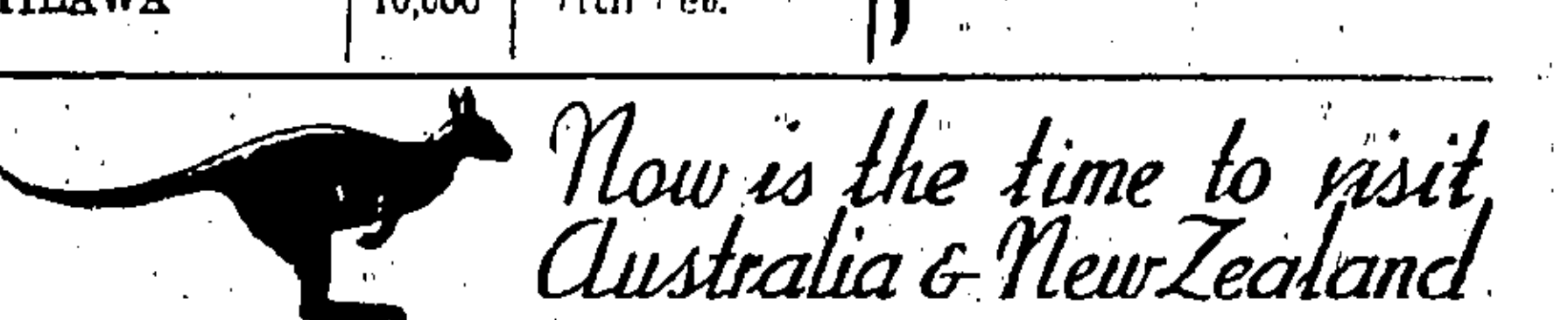
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* BHUTAN	6,000	28th Jan.	B'way, Marseilles & London
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* BEHAR	6,000	11th Feb.	B'way, Marseilles & London
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* BEHAR	6,000	2nd Jan.	do.
NELLORE	7,000	2nd Jan.	do.
SHIRALA	8,000	5th Jan.	Japan
RAJPUTANA	17,000	6th Jan.	Shanghai & Japan
TILAWA	10,000	19th Jan.	Japan
RANCHI	7,000	24th Jan.	Shanghai & Japan
* SOUDAN	6,000	21st Jan.	do.
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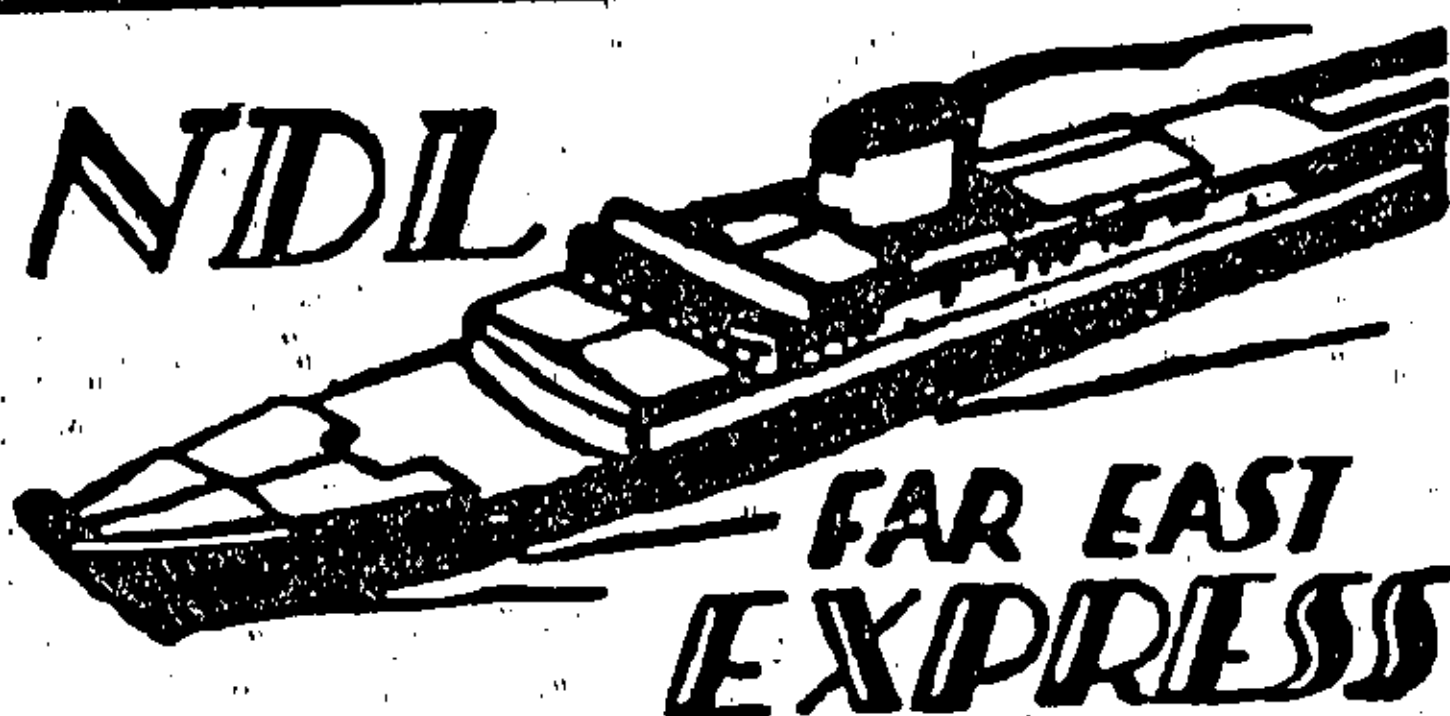
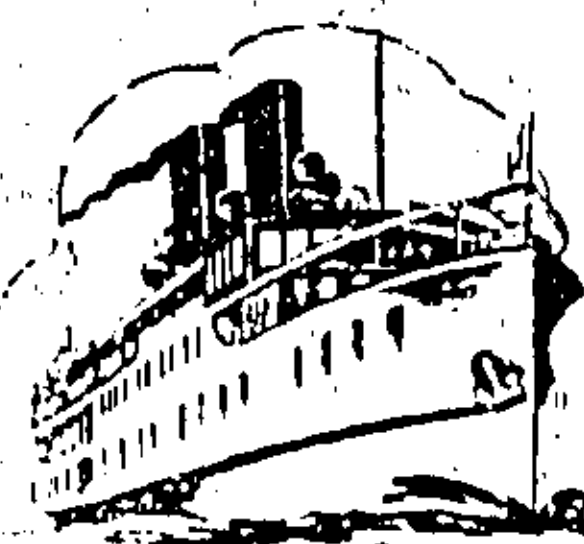
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	Poland	Singapore, Penang, Belawan, Colombo	Jan. 12
Manila	Poland	Manila	Jan. 12
Shanghai & Japan	Poland	Shanghai, Yokohama, Kobe	Dec. 28
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PRESENTATION
OF AWARDSAccountant Students'
Annual Ball

The fifth annual Accountant Students' Ball at the Peninsula Hotel yesterday was attended by some 200 persons and was very much enjoyed by all present.

The speakers were Mr. F. B. Da Silva, who presented the awards and certificates, and Mr. H. S. Phoon, Headmaster of the School of Accountancy and Commerce, the pupils of which received so vast a variety of degrees, medals, scholarships, and other honours.

Winners of the A.I.A. Degree are Messrs. C. A. Figueiredo, Thomas G. Young, and W. J. Brown. Winners of the L.I.A. Degree are Messrs. Tam Wai-sun and Wee Hoe-giap.

GOLD MEDAL

Mr. Lim Talk-sim was honoured with a Gold Medal, and Messrs. William Benedetto, Fang Tsul-chek and C. M. Sequiera with Bronze Medals.

The School of Accountancy and Commerce Scholarships "were awarded to Messrs. Lim Talk-sim, M. da Rosa, Phillip Dieu, Tan Teat-long and A. M. Campos. The Wong Wing Seen Law and Bookkeeping Prizes were won respectively by Messrs. Lim Talk-sim and Tan Hock-san. Mr. S. B. Izatt was awarded the F. B. da Silva Auditing Prize.

From the International Institute of Accountants, 24 other awards were presented yesterday. 38 awards from the Faculty of Secretaries, 50 awards from the Institute of Bookkeepers, and 16 awards from the Institute of Commerce.

CHINESE STAGE,
CINEMA STARS
AT FOOTBALL

A huge crowd thoroughly enjoyed a football match between Chinese stage and cinema stars in aid of funds for war refugees, at the Hongkong Football Club ground yesterday. The former won by one goal to nil.

Besides the match, an exhibition of Chinese boxing was staged by the Lam Cho Association, while many actors and actresses also rendered songs.

Hon. Dr. and Mrs. Li Shu-fan were the guests at the function.

LIGHTWEIGHT
BOUT THRILLS
ANTICIPATED

London, Dec. 15. One of the most thrilling light-weight boxing contests in years is anticipated at Harringay Arena to-night when the Londoner, Dave Crowley, defends his British championship against the 18-years old blacksmith's assistant, Eric Boon, of Cambridge-shire. The fight will be over 15 rounds.

Boon undoubtedly will bank everything in his exceptional punching ability, but it is problematical whether he is capable of creating the necessary openings against the experienced ring-craft of Crowley, whose bobbing, weaving and non-stop methods make him a difficult target.—Reuter.

SPORTS CLUB
ANNIVERSARY

An informal cocktail party, at which a large number of members and friend gathered, marked the tenth anniversary of the Hongkong Sports Club, which was celebrated at the Club's premises in King's Building yesterday evening.

His Excellency the Governor, the honours of whose presence had been sought, sent a letter regretting his inability to go on account of court mourning for Her late Majesty Queen Maude of Norway.

MALAYA'S NEW
G.O.C.

London, Dec. 15.

Major-General L. V. Bond, Commandant of the School of Engineering, has been appointed G.O.C. of Malaya, in succession to Major-General W. G. S. Dobble, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., whose tenure of office expires in August, 1939.—Reuter.

MORE RECRUITS

London, Dec. 15.

Sixty-seven more recruits enlisted in the regular Army last week than during the corresponding week last year, figures being 578 against 511.—British Wireless

League Tables As They
Stand To-day

Below will be found the League tables, brought up to date, of the Home football competitions. Latest standings are as follows:—

TEAMS	FIRST DIVISION												
	HOME					AWAY					Tot.		
	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.			
Derby	19	7	2	-	23	6	18	6	1	3	16	13	29
Everton	18	9	-	-	28	4	18	4	1	4	10	12	27
Wolves	18	4	3	1	14	5	11	4	2	4	14	9	21
Liverpool	18	7	3	-	21	9	17	-	4	4	10	15	21
Charlton	18	6	2	1	18	12	14	2	3	4	7	12	21
Leeds U.	18	5	2	2	15	12	12	4	1	4	11	17	21
Middlesbro'	18	6	3	1	28	11	15	2	1	5	10	19	20
Grimsby	18	5	3	1	12	8	13	1	4	4	10	17	19
Bolton	18	4	2	3	16	12	10	2	4	3	12	14	18
Arsenal	18	4	3	3	13	9	11	1	4	3	7	10	17
Aston Villa	18	4	-	4	16	10	8	3	3	4	13	13	17
Sunderland	18	1	4	3	10	10	8	5	1	4	13	11	17
Leicester	19	4	2	2	19	12	12	1	3	5	6	18	17
Stoke	18	3	4	2	14	12	10	2	3	4	12	21	17
Blackpool	18	3	3	3	17	13	9	2	3	4	8	16	16
Preston N.E.	18	4	4	1	14	9	12	2	-	7	9	18	14
Portsmouth	18	5	3	1	12	6	13	-	3	6	7	23	16
Chelsea	18	5	2	2	21	11	12	1	1	7	10	26	15
Birmingham	19	6	-	4	19	11	12	-	2	7	11	23	14
Manchester U.	18	3	3	3	14	11	9	1	3	5	6	15	14
Huddersfield	19	5	2	3	16	10	12	-	2	7	7	23	14
Brentford	18	5	1	3	13	12	11	-	3	6	9	24	14

TEAMS	SECOND DIVISION													
	HOME						AWAY						Tot.	
	Goals						Goals							
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.		Pts.
West Brom'	19	9	-	1	32	14	18	3	1	5	18	21	7	25
Blackburn	19	6	1	2	26	11	13	5	1	4	18	16	11	24
Fulham	19	6	3	-	19	7	15	3	3	4	14	15	9	24
Sheffeld U.	18	4	4	1	13	5	12	5	2	2	18	14	12	24
Newcastle	19	9	1	-	31	8	19	1	2	6	7	17	4	23
Tottenham	18	6	4	-	23	12	16	2	2	4	10	13	6	22
Coventry	18	7	2	-	16	4	16	2	2	5	11	19	6	22
Wednesday	18	5	2	2	21	8	12	2	3	4	20	24	7	19
West Ham	19	6	1	2	24	11	13	2	2	6	14	19	6	19
Manchester C.	18	5	-	4	24	20	10	3	3	3	17	18	9	19
Luton	18	4	3	3	18	12	11	4	-	5	17	20	8	19
Millwall	18	5	2	2	20	10	12	2	2	5	14	16	6	18
Plymouth	18	5	3	1	13	4	13	2	1	6	10	17	5	18
Burnley	19	6	2	2	17	13	14	-	4	5	8	16	4	18
Bradford	18	4	3	2	18	15	11	2	2	5	11	19	6	17
Chesterfield	18	6	-	2	18	10	12	1	3	6	7	20	5	17
Bury	18	3	3	3	13	8	19	2	3	4	6	17	7	16
Southampton	18	5	1	3	20	16	11	1	1	7	8	22	3	14
Notts Forest	18	3	2	4	14	15	8	1	3	5	9	22	5	13
Norwich	18	6	1	3	22	14	13	-	8	2	28	-	-	13
Swansea	18	5	3	2	12	6	5	1	4	5	8	25	6	11
Tranmere	18	3	1	5	11	11	7	-	9	7	30	-	-	7

THIRD DIVISION (NORTH)													
TEAMS	HOME					AWAY					Tot. Pts.		
	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.			
Barnsley	19	8	1	-	28	6	17	5	2	3	14	13	27
Southport	16	6	3	-	23	6	15	3	3	1	13	8	24
Oldham	18	6	-	2	22	11	12	5	2	3	18	14	24
Doncaster	17	7	1	2	25	10	15	2	4	1	12	8	23
Bradford C.	18	7	8	-	27	8	16	1	3	4	9	16	21
Crewe	17	7	-	2	26	10	14	3	1	4	11	16	21
Stockport	16	6	1	-	24	9	13	1	3	5	16	23	5
Chester	16	4	2	2	21	16	10	4	-	4	16	18	8
Hull	17	5	2	2	18	12	12	2	2	4	12	17	6
Barrow	18	6	2	1	27	12	14	2	-	7	8	24	4
New Brighton	18	4	2	2	14	10	10	3	1	6	9	23	7
Gateshead	17	5	2	1	21	6	12	1	2	6	13	22	4
Rotherham	18	6	-	4	27	10	12	2	-	6	8	22	4
Carlisle	17	5	1	3	18	12	11	2	1	5	10	26	5
Halifax	17	3	5	-	10	6	11	2	-	7	4	14	4
Wrexham	18	7	1	2	20	12	15	-	8	6	28	-	15
Rochdale	18	5	2	3	28	14	12	1	-	7	10	25	2
Lincoln	17	3	2	3	17	16	8	2	2	5	14	26	6
Darlington	16	6	1	1	20	8	13	-	1	8	10	37	1
Hartlepool	17	4	1	3	16	12	9	1	2	6	4	19	4
York	18	3	2	4	12	11	8	1	2	6	9	23	4
Accrington	18	-	3	5	7	19	3	1	1	8	8	25	3

THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH)														
TEAMS	HOME					AWAY					Tot.			
	Goals					Goals								
	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.				
Newport	17	7	2	-	14	2	16	4	2	2	12	7	10	23
Crystal Palace	18	6	2	-	16	8	14	3	3	2	11	12	9	23
Reading	18	4	3	1	20	11	11	3	5	2	11	10	11	22
Aldershot	17	6	2	1	12	3	14	2	4	2	10	13	8	22
Queen's Park R.	16	4	2	1	21	5	10	3	3	3	14	15	9	19
Swindon	16	6	2	1	20	9	14	2	1	4	8	12	15	19
Brighton	17	6	1	1	19	8	13	2	2	5	8	16	6	19
Northampton	17	6	2	1	20	10	14	1	1	6	8	17	3	17
Mansfield	16	4	3	-	14	7	11	2	2	5	7	19	6	17
Watford	17	5	4	-	18	8	14	-	2	6	3	16	2	16
Exeter	17	4	2	2	16	12	10	2	2	5	10	25	6	16
Notts C.	16	5	3	1	15	5	13	-	2	5	6	14	2	15
Port Vale	16	5	2	2	17	9	12	1	1	5	6	14	3	15
Southend	16	5	2	1	15	6	12	1	1	6	13	23	3	15
Cardiff	16	4	-	3	15	11	8	1	5	3	8	13	7	15
Bristol C.	17	4	1	2	18	11	9	1	4	5	11	21	6	15
Bournemouth	16	2	4	2	9	9	8	2	2	4	7	11	6	14
Clapton O.	16	3	5	1	12	7	11	1	1	5	6	15	3	14
Bristol R.	17	3	4	3	13	10	10	-	2	5	10	2	12	12
Torquay	16	1	2	6	8	15	4	3	2	2	8	9	8	12
Ipswich	16	3	1	3	10	7	1	2	6	6	15	4	11	11
Walsall	16	1	2	4	6	9	4	1	2	6	7	13	4	11